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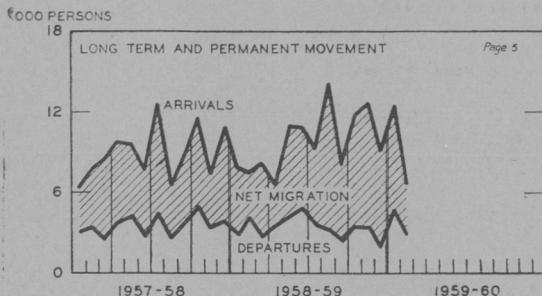
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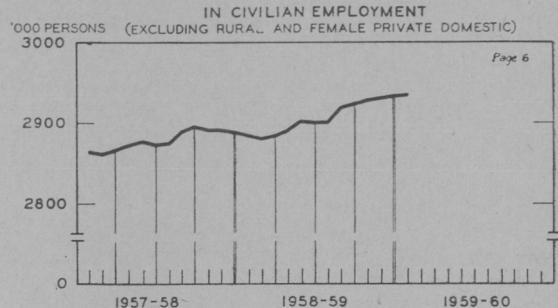
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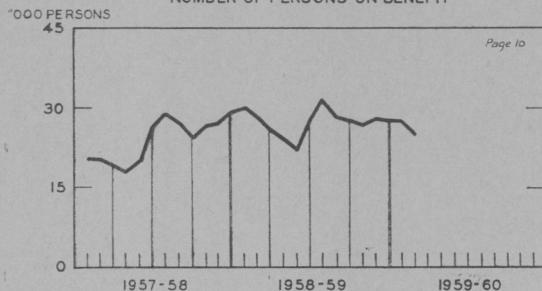
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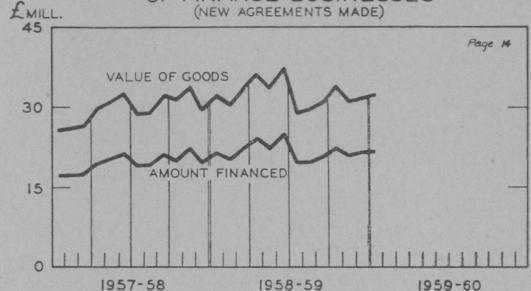
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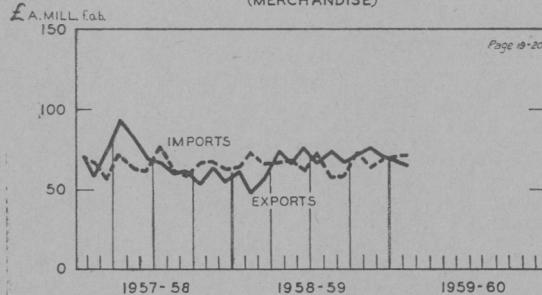
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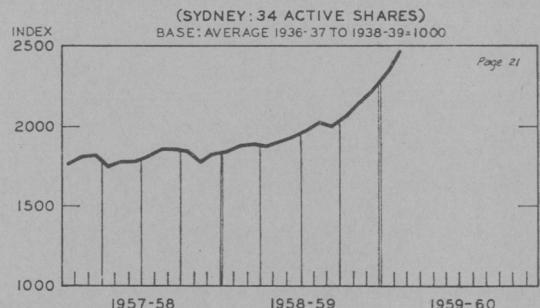
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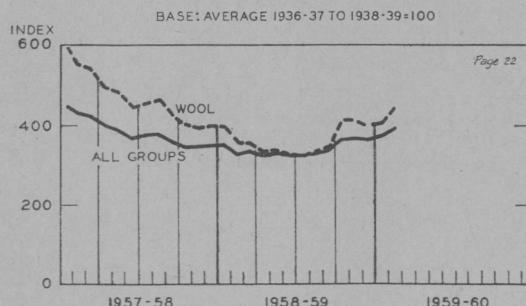
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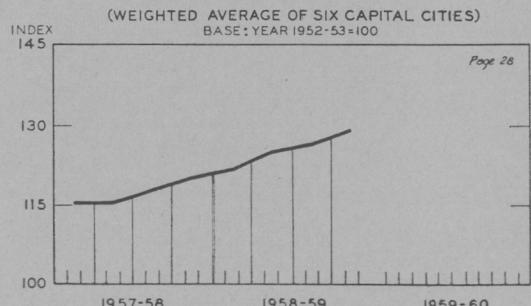
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics).			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f)	
	—End of Month. (a)						Imports.	Exports.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)					
Monthly Average—											
1936-37	'000.	'000.	'000.	n.a.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.	
1937-38	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.	
1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.	
	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.	
1952-53	1,910	679	2,589	2,428	158.1	r424.7	42.5	70.7	10,040	(h)16,152	
1953-54	1,954	707	2,661	2,553	179.5	r459.5	56.5	67.7	12,356	(h)19,219	
1954-55	2,018	740	2,758	2,682	205.5	r502.2	70.1	63.2	17,892	19,309	
1955-56	2,067	r769	r2,836	2,863	221.3	r537.9	68.2	64.2	18,881	18,155	
1956-57	r2,082	779	r2,861	3,015	233.2	r562.5	59.7	81.1	17,401	17,364	
1957-58	2,089	791	2,880	3,097	246.3	r585.0	65.8	67.6	19,160	18,337	
1958-59	r2,107	802	r2,909	3,191			66.2	67.4	21,656	20,421	
Monthly Total—											
1957-58—											
July	2,083	780	2,863	3,087	235.3	r556.7	70.6	70.6	20,078	18,920	
August	2,080	781	2,861		235.3		67.9	58.1	21,333		
September	2,083	r785	r2,868		254.7		56.9	75.7	19,789		
October	2,085	787	2,872		267.4		71.8	94.2	18,779		
November	2,084	r796	r2,880		265.2		64.2	83.0	17,200	17,048	
December	2,081	r793	r2,874		255.8		62.0	70.2	13,469		
January	2,087	790	2,877		211.8		77.0	66.6	19,659		
February	2,093	799	2,892		237.6		62.4	60.1	17,001		
March	2,097	r802	r2,899		247.7		59.4	60.9	18,273		
April	r2,098	796	r2,894		239.2		67.1	52.9	22,059		
May	2,098	795	2,893		260.3		66.6	64.3	20,878	19,493	
June	2,098	792	2,890		244.7		63.2	54.9	21,404		
1958-59—											
July	r2,095	793	2,888	3,178	252.1	r583.9	p	p	26,250	21,597	
August	2,091	r793	2,884		246.9		72.9	47.6	22,283		
September	r2,093	794	2,887		265.3		65.5	55.7	22,910		
October	r2,098	795	2,893		273.7		65.6	74.1	22,187		
November	r2,106	800	2,906		274.7		67.5	66.2	19,959	18,782	
December	r2,101	r802	2,903		275.0		62.0	75.7	16,506		
January	2,103	r799	2,902		205.2		74.4	67.0	16,015		
February	2,114	r808	2,922		239.1		58.6	73.9	20,195		
March	2,117	r811	2,928		241.4		58.9	66.5	21,351		
April	r2,121	810	2,931		r264.8		73.0	72.1	23,495	20,958	
May	r2,122	811	2,933		r242.8		63.1	77.3	24,551		
June	r2,123	811	2,934		r262.0		69.3	71.1	24,165		
1959-60—											
July	r2,123	813	2,936		266.6		70.7	66.6	24,324		
August							71.0	64.4	25,150		

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b) page 8.

(b) Seasonally adjusted.

Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. See note (b) on page 12.

(e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

(g) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defense Service Vehicles).		Govern- ment Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Cus- tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Com- merical Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
1957-58 ..	p1,697	1,649	p258.8	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.0
1958-59 ..	pr1,699	p1,761	p266.2	14.2	6.2		8,622	1,375.8	807.2	636.6
Monthly Total—						(c)				
1957-58—										
August ..	1,845	1,773	271.7	11.9	5.4	15,763	7,532	1,331.9	762.0	527.5
September ..	1,824	1,641	261.5	13.4	5.4	15,810	7,503	1,342.2	756.1	577.0
October ..	1,940	1,665	263.9	15.3	6.1	16,484	8,563	1,385.5	765.5	603.3
November ..	1,831	1,584	246.4	14.6	5.7	15,176	7,510	1,406.6	772.0	608.3
December ..	1,347	1,530	250.9	14.8	5.4	13,887	8,623	1,431.7	766.3	667.5
January ..	1,233	1,518	269.9	11.1	4.6	13,676	8,469	1,445.7	753.4	512.7
February ..	1,661	1,468	232.6	13.9	5.5	13,364	7,565	1,443.6	749.6	587.6
March ..	1,670	1,632	265.9	13.7	6.1	15,026	8,154	1,449.6	754.6	609.4
April ..	1,620	1,588	254.2	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	609.4
May ..	1,769	1,766	277.6	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.2
June ..	1,708	1,813	256.6	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.0
1958-59—										
July ..	2,017	1,968	270.5	13.9	6.1	15,271	8,449	1,331.2	844.9	622.7
August ..	1,837	1,852	267.2	13.6	5.5	15,233	7,661	1,321.5	838.8	558.2
September ..	1,803	1,775	263.6	14.7	5.9	15,914	8,512	1,324.0	829.8	597.7
October ..	r1,994	1,774	265.3	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	830.9	639.8
November ..	1,764	1,660	262.7	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	644.4
December ..	1,349	1,638	269.9	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	706.7
January ..	1,133	1,591	267.6	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	524.4
February ..	1,660	1,574	244.0	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.2
March ..	1,673	1,688	274.2	13.2	6.1	15,411	8,450	1,431.6	764.3	663.7
April ..	r1,701	1,731	265.4	15.1	7.0	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.0
May ..	r1,671	1,893	287.4	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	678.3
June ..	1,782	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8		9,771	1,379.0	791.1	676.8
1959-60—										
July ..	1,887	2,104	290.7	15.7	7.5	15,204	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	704.5
August ..	1,791	2,008	2,850	15.6	6.8		8,100	1,375.4	803.1	646.8

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—								
1949-50	..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58	..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59	..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
Quarterly Total—								
1955-56								
June	Qtr.	..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305
1956-57								
September	..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December	..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March	..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June	..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58								
September	..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December	..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March	..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June	..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59								
September	..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December	..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March	..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June	..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration.
(d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results.
(e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1949	..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386
1950	..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824
1951	..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892
1952	..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360
1953	..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645
1954(a)	..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315
1955	..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424
1956	..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481
1957	..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865
1958	..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167
1959	..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—
1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59 p	4,999	4,820	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,354	6,371
Monthly Total—							
1956-57—							
March	4,203	5,007	5,674	5,315	10,601	2,889	7,712
April	3,853	6,206	4,311	5,443	7,409	3,192	4,217
May	3,870	5,792	4,530	5,626	15,378	4,881	10,497
June	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
1957-58—							
July	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478
September	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950
October	6,142	3,156	4,926	4,265	9,823	3,659	6,164
November	5,866	3,811	5,135	6,260	9,679	4,154	5,525
December	5,265	5,537	6,790	5,255	7,734	2,821	4,913
January	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59—							
July	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August	5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January p	6,231	4,397	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,639	5,552
February p	5,033	4,905	6,238	6,021	14,003	3,156	10,847
March p	4,428	5,228	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,564	5,549
April p	4,058	7,270	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,458	8,302
May p	4,185	6,062	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,320	9,256
June p	4,490	4,221	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,920	7,309
1959-60—							
July p	3,761	4,428	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,667	7,747
August p	4,927	4,020	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,905	3,649

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)
('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Govern- ment- al Autho- rities.(b)	Private Employers. (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fes- sional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1956—June	..	604.9	1,477.3	2,082.2	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	130.0	212.7	187.3
1957—June	..	609.5	1,475.9	2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June	..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June	..	633.9	1,488.6	2,122.5	49.1	800.7	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
1958—April	..	618.8	1,478.9	2,097.7	52.6	791.6	200.6	310.6	132.5	217.9	196.7
May	..	620.8	1,477.7	2,098.5	52.4	791.4	202.2	311.3	133.2	216.8	195.9
June	..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
July	..	621.7	1,473.0	2,094.7	51.5	790.3	201.3	311.5	132.5	215.2	196.2
1959—April	..	633.6	1,487.0	2,120.6	49.2	797.9	205.6	312.7	133.1	222.7	201.4
May	..	634.4	1,487.6	2,122.0	49.0	799.2	206.0	312.3	133.9	221.8	201.7
June	..	633.9	1,488.6	2,122.5	49.1	800.7	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
July	..	633.4	1,489.7	2,123.1	48.9	802.6	204.4	313.0	133.6	220.5	202.0
FEMALES.											
1956—June	..	129.8	643.6	773.4	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	123.0	88.1	236.6
1957—June	..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June	..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
1959—June	..	143.9	667.6	811.5	1.1	247.4	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
1958—April	..	136.4	659.7	796.1	1.1	247.5	5.4	40.3	124.6	92.9	246.7
May	..	136.3	658.6	794.9	1.1	245.8	5.4	39.9	126.0	92.9	246.3
June	..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
July	..	137.7	655.4	793.1	1.1	243.2	5.5	39.8	125.5	92.2	247.5
1959—April	..	143.7	666.4	810.1	1.1	246.5	5.6	40.4	126.1	95.4	256.3
May	..	143.6	667.5	811.1	1.1	246.3	5.6	40.3	127.6	95.3	256.3
June	..	143.9	667.6	811.5	1.1	247.4	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
July	..	144.5	668.7	813.2	1.1	247.7	5.7	40.2	126.4	95.2	257.6
PERSONS.											
1956—June	..	734.7	2,120.9	2,855.6	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	423.9
1957—June	..	742.3	2,123.3	2,865.6	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June	..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
1959—June	..	777.8	2,156.2	2,934.0	50.2	1,048.1	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
1958—April	..	755.2	2,138.6	2,893.8	53.7	1,039.1	206.0	350.9	257.1	310.8	443.4
May	..	757.1	2,136.3	2,893.4	53.5	1,037.2	207.6	351.2	259.2	309.7	442.2
June	..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
July	..	759.4	2,128.4	2,887.8	52.6	1,033.5	206.8	351.3	258.0	307.4	443.7
1959—April	..	777.3	2,153.4	2,930.7	50.3	1,044.4	211.2	353.1	259.2	318.1	458.7
May	..	778.0	2,155.1	2,933.1	50.1	1,045.5	211.6	352.6	261.5	317.1	458.0
June	..	777.8	2,156.2	2,934.0	50.2	1,048.1	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
July	..	777.9	2,158.4	2,936.3	50.0	1,050.3	210.1	353.2	260.0	315.7	459.6

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1956—June	..	808.3	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	r5.2	9.0	2,082.2
1957—June	..	810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June	..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June	..	819.2	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	5.8	11.8	2,122.5
1958—March	..	814.8	595.1	277.3	186.3	139.8	67.4	5.5	10.9	2,097.1
April	..	815.8	594.1	278.0	186.3	139.4	67.8	5.4	10.9	2,097.7
May	..	814.9	594.3	280.7	185.8	138.8	67.5	5.5	11.0	2,098.5
June	..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
July	..	812.4	591.6	283.3	185.8	138.1	66.7	5.5	11.3	2,094.7
1959—March	..	816.6	603.8	282.7	189.3	139.7	67.7	5.7	11.7	2,117.2
April	..	817.0	603.5	285.1	190.2	139.8	67.4	5.8	11.8	2,120.6
May	..	818.2	602.5	286.3	190.5	139.5	67.3	5.8	11.9	2,122.0
June	..	819.2	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	5.8	11.8	2,122.5
July	..	818.8	601.8	287.1	191.4	139.6	66.8	5.9	11.7	2,123.1
FEMALES.										
1956—June	..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	r1.2	3.3	773.4
1957—June	..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.7	780.2
1958—June	..	r314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June	..	r320.3	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	1.4	4.3	811.5
1958—March	..	r316.1	250.3	96.2	64.7	46.0	23.1	1.3	3.8	801.5
April	..	r315.5	246.9	95.4	63.8	45.9	23.5	1.3	3.8	796.1
May	..	r315.6	245.9	95.5	63.5	45.9	23.4	1.3	3.8	794.9
June	..	r314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
July	..	r314.9	244.5	96.3	63.4	45.6	23.1	1.4	3.9	793.1
1959—March	..	r318.9	253.6	97.4	65.4	46.8	23.1	1.4	4.2	810.8
April	..	r319.3	252.5	97.2	65.0	46.8	23.7	1.4	4.2	810.1
May	..	r320.2	251.6	97.9	65.2	47.1	23.5	1.4	4.2	811.1
June	..	r320.3	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	1.4	4.3	811.5
July	..	r321.4	252.2	98.5	65.6	46.8	22.9	1.4	4.4	813.2
PERSONS.										
1956—June	..	r1,114.2	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	r6.4	12.3	2,855.6
1957—June	..	1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	13.7	2,865.6
1958—June	..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June	..	1,139.5	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	7.2	16.1	2,934.0
1958—March	..	1,130.9	845.4	373.5	251.0	185.8	90.5	6.8	14.7	2,898.6
April	..	1,131.3	841.0	373.4	250.1	185.3	91.3	6.7	14.7	2,893.8
May	..	1,130.5	840.2	376.2	249.3	184.7	90.9	6.8	14.8	2,893.4
June	..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
July	..	1,127.3	836.1	379.6	249.2	183.7	89.8	6.9	15.2	2,887.8
1959—March	..	1,135.5	857.4	380.1	254.7	186.5	90.8	7.1	15.9	2,928.0
April	..	1,136.3	856.0	382.3	255.2	186.6	91.1	7.2	16.0	2,930.7
May	..	1,138.4	854.1	384.2	255.7	186.6	90.8	7.2	16.1	2,933.1
June	..	1,139.5	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	7.2	16.1	2,934.0
July	..	1,140.2	854.0	385.6	257.0	186.4	89.7	7.3	16.1	2,936.3

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp.
See note (b), page 8 and notes on page 6.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly Figures—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1958-59 ..	432.4	345.7	98.5	89.7	44.8	26.7	793.1	244.7	1,037.8	1,974	1,362
At end of Month—											
1957-58—											
July ..	422.9	340.4	99.9	88.4	45.4	26.5	781.1	242.4	1,023.5	1,947	1,385
August ..	423.9	340.1	99.9	88.7	45.4	26.1	780.6	243.5	1,024.1	1,948	1,384
September ..	426.4	341.6	99.1	89.0	45.9	26.0	783.0	245.0	1,028.0	1,955	1,387
October ..	428.6	342.9	98.6	89.4	46.0	26.0	785.2	246.3	1,031.5	1,962	1,389
November ..	431.2	344.7	96.2	89.3	46.1	26.1	785.8	247.8	1,033.6	1,966	1,388
December ..	428.1	343.3	91.8	89.4	45.8	27.3	781.1	244.6	1,025.7	1,951	1,375
January ..	428.0	346.7	93.0	90.6	45.7	27.9	786.5	245.4	1,031.9	1,963	1,381
February ..	431.5	351.1	95.1	90.5	46.2	27.4	790.8	251.0	1,041.8	1,981	1,391
March ..	432.9	352.3	96.5	90.9	46.3	27.2	793.3	252.8	1,046.1	1,990	1,395
April ..	432.6	347.3	95.9	89.8	46.0	27.5	791.6	247.5	1,039.1	1,976	1,383
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
1958-59—											
July ..	431.4	341.6	100.1	88.8	44.7	26.9	790.3	243.2	1,033.5	1,966	1,369
August ..	431.1	341.0	100.3	88.6	44.6	26.2	788.6	243.2	1,031.8	1,963	1,365
September ..	431.3	342.3	100.1	88.8	44.6	25.8	789.4	243.5	1,032.9	1,965	1,364
October ..	431.6	343.4	100.3	89.2	44.7	25.8	791.7	243.3	1,035.0	1,969	1,365
November ..	432.3	344.7	100.2	89.1	44.9	26.0	793.8	243.4	1,037.2	1,973	1,364
December ..	429.9	343.8	94.1	89.0	44.8	27.1	787.0	241.7	1,028.7	1,956	1,350
January ..	429.9	344.6	94.4	90.2	44.6	27.5	788.9	242.3	1,031.2	1,961	1,351
February ..	432.1	349.4	98.0	90.0	44.7	26.8	793.8	247.2	1,041.0	1,980	1,362
March ..	433.1	350.8	97.7	90.7	44.9	27.0	796.3	247.9	1,044.2	1,986	1,363
April ..	433.6	349.5	98.6	90.4	44.9	27.4	797.9	246.5	1,044.4	1,986	1,360
May ..	435.4	348.5	98.8	90.4	45.0	27.4	799.2	246.3	1,045.5	1,989	1,360
June ..	437.0	349.0	99.7	90.9	44.6	26.9	800.7	247.4	1,048.1	1,994	r1,361
1959-60—											
July ..	438.1	348.8	101.1	91.2	44.6	26.5	802.6	247.7	1,050.3	1,998	1,362

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Average of Monthly Figures—										
1952-53..	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54..	..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55..	..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	r120.0	r249.7
1955-56..	..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	r130.6	r124.3	r254.9
1956-57..	..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	r130.1	r123.0	r253.1
1957-58..	..	r98.8	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	r132.4	r125.2	r257.6
1958-59..	..	r99.3	74.3	32.5	25.0	20.9	7.6	r134.0	r127.1	r261.1
At end of Month—										
1957-58—		r					r	r	r	
July	95.3	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.8	121.5	251.3
August	95.7	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.7	121.2	250.9
September	96.4	71.0	32.3	24.4	19.6	7.7	130.2	122.3	252.5
October	98.2	71.5	32.5	24.4	19.6	7.6	131.0	124.1	255.1
November	102.9	73.8	33.4	25.2	20.1	7.8	134.2	130.1	264.3
December	104.1	75.5	33.1	25.1	20.6	8.1	136.5	131.4	267.9
January	99.3	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.3	125.7	259.0
February	99.1	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.4	124.8	258.2
March	98.4	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.6	124.4	257.0
April	98.2	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.5	124.6	257.1
May	99.3	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.2	126.0	259.2
June	98.5	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.7	125.6	258.3
1958-59—										
July	98.7	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.5	125.5	258.0
August	98.0	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.2	124.9	257.1
September	98.2	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.8	125.4	258.2
October	98.9	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.2	126.4	259.6
November	102.4	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.8	130.7	266.5
December	106.0	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	139.1	133.5	272.6
January	98.6	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	134.1	127.0	261.1
February	98.0	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.9	126.0	259.9
March	97.7	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.3	125.9	259.2
April	97.9	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	133.1	126.1	259.2
May	99.0	74.2	32.9	25.1	21.1	7.7	133.9	127.6	261.5
June	98.4	74.0	32.5	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.5	260.1
1959-60—										
July	98.4	74.0	32.6	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.4	260.0

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special. (b)
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—											
1949-50(c) ..	8,327	123	1,371	(e) 241	155	30	(f)	(g)	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51(c) ..	d 287	71	326	(e) 6	59	14	(f)	(g)	763	7,059	863
1951-52 ..	d 949	220	1,374	(e) 24	64	16	(f)	(g)	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53 ..	d17,590	6,168	4,281	(e) 842	841	262	(f)	(g)	29,984	7,140	1,408
1953-54 ..	d 6,495	2,698	3,169	(e) 252	406	212	(f)	(g)	13,232	7,994	1,868
1954-55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012
1957-58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107
1958-59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	5	40	27,311	8,241	2,147
Last Saturday of Month—											
1957-58—											
August ..	7,878	5,618	2,216	1,320	2,458	665	..	20	20,175	7,176	1,965
September ..	7,177	5,271	2,458	1,233	2,120	695	2	19	18,975	7,305	1,997
October ..	6,446	4,661	2,585	1,240	2,075	662	2	17	17,688	7,309	2,050
November ..	7,005	4,390	4,450	1,418	1,865	594	2	24	19,748	7,343	2,097
December ..	8,900	4,695	7,801	1,568	2,393	591	2	55	26,005	6,815	2,150
January ..	9,835	4,974	9,357	1,518	2,596	434	4	37	28,755	6,858	2,168
February ..	9,575	4,085	9,431	1,425	2,257	326	19	45	27,163	7,464	2,180
March ..	8,673	4,135	7,814	1,521	2,018	243	33	48	24,485	7,299	2,153
April ..	9,533	5,006	7,831	1,873	2,214	296	23	35	26,811	7,381	2,191
May ..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216
June ..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149
1958-59—											
July ..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093
August ..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091
September ..	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040
October ..	10,267	5,656	2,874	1,706	2,709	789	1	35	24,037	8,651	2,071
November ..	9,827	4,916	3,031	1,505	2,354	635	2	32	22,302	8,695	2,112
December ..	11,819	5,436	5,460	1,703	2,501	580	4	62	27,565	7,888	2,034
January ..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157
February ..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235
March ..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157
April ..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214
May ..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	4	42	27,924	8,450	2,293
June ..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528	8,473	2,264
1959-60—											
July ..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	5	45	27,442	8,786	2,244
August ..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	4	39	24,887	9,069	2,187

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(b) Excludes migrants in reception and training centres.

(c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act* 1947-1958.

(d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes the Northern Territory.

(f) Included with South Australia.

(g) Included with New South Wales.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants. (b)	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average—						35,361		
1949–50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950–51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951–52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952–53..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953–54..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954–55..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955–56..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956–57..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
1957–58..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	13,275	32,868	610,895
1958–59..	9,619	2,466	12,085	496,623	183,044	6,395	34,963	721,025
Monthly Total—								
1957–58—								
August(c) ..	10,309	1,755	12,064	322,989	145,700	20,775	26,473	515,937
September ..	7,272	1,370	8,642	274,373	114,295	16,827	22,881	428,376
October ..	6,219	1,305	7,524	273,086	126,589	14,961	23,588	438,224
November(c) ..	9,264	1,814	11,078	365,919	191,174	10,652	38,818	606,563
December ..	12,152	1,433	13,585	379,388	149,356	14,050	31,159	573,953
January ..	11,983	1,536	13,519	563,367	159,991	13,039	36,880	773,277
February ..	10,562	2,300	12,862	585,502	161,223	17,866	36,313	800,904
March(c) ..	10,629	2,661	13,290	479,702	179,936	5,594	39,326	704,558
April ..	9,264	2,508	11,772	450,781	167,238	7,175	37,634	662,828
May ..	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	6,289	43,205	753,276
June ..	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	3,198	35,493	664,549
1958–59—								
July ..	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	5,085	32,698	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	564,067	206,765	5,581	37,461	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	2,282	34,092	698,896
October ..	6,531	1,714	8,245	482,293	192,288	4,731	34,680	713,992
November(c) ..	7,786	2,323	10,109	431,426	195,064	1,588	34,838	662,916
December ..	10,291	1,906	12,197	393,728	156,186	5,902	31,778	587,594
January(c) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	605,054	171,145	12,200	29,778	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	9,395	37,133	788,307
March ..	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	5,915	34,235	686,996
April ..	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	5,911	40,303	749,339
May(c) ..	10,863	3,416	14,279	492,654	196,075	6,511	37,562	732,802
June ..	8,880	2,492	11,372	470,654	183,081	11,647	35,002	700,384
1959–60—								
July ..	8,467	2,605	11,072	535,299	220,331	9,177	42,890	807,697
August ..	8,942	2,697	11,639	442,688	184,902	12,854	34,048	674,492

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1957-58 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.(c)	Electri- cal Goods. (d)	Furni- ture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(e)
Quarterly Average—											
1949-50(f)	..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6	51.1	276.4
1950-51(f)	..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2	63.1	342.7
1951-52(f)	..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0	76.9	404.0
1952-53	..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	88.8	28.0	19.0	18.2	78.6	424.7
1953-54	..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9	30.7	22.8	20.2	84.1	459.5
1954-55	..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8	34.0	24.8	21.6	92.1	502.2
1955-56	..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3	36.1	26.2	23.0	99.6	537.9
1956-57	..	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	110.0	36.3	28.4	23.1	106.0	562.5
1957-58	..	89.7	42.7	74.1	62.1	112.6	36.4	33.6	24.1	109.7	585.0
Quarterly Total—											
1954-55—											
Sept. Qtr.	..	71.5	35.9	58.3	45.8	96.6	32.9	23.0	21.6	82.2	467.8
Dec.	..	79.8	36.7	64.0	54.2	119.5	37.5	30.5	24.4	105.3	551.9
Mar.	..	73.2	36.1	62.2	53.9	89.5	31.9	23.4	19.2	88.0	477.4
June	..	77.5	38.2	62.0	50.4	113.7	33.8	22.3	21.2	92.7	511.8
1955-56—											
Sept.	..	79.9	38.4	63.7	49.8	102.2	35.5	24.8	23.3	92.3	509.9
Dec.	..	84.5	39.4	70.0	59.3	124.3	39.8	32.6	25.6	116.5	592.0
Mar.	..	81.8	39.2	69.1	57.7	92.2	33.7	24.2	20.5	93.2	511.6
June	..	82.5	41.7	66.4	55.3	114.6	35.5	23.2	22.4	96.3	537.9
1956-57—											
Sept.	..	85.6	42.8	69.2	54.0	102.1	35.3	24.7	23.3	100.1	537.1
Dec.	..	89.9	43.0	73.6	64.9	128.0	40.3	34.2	26.1	120.6	620.6
Mar.	..	82.7	41.9	70.3	61.3	94.9	34.2	26.5	20.9	100.5	533.2
June	..	85.7	42.7	69.6	57.5	115.2	35.3	28.1	22.3	102.7	559.1
1957-58—p											
Sept.	..	87.0	43.5	70.3	57.1	106.0	35.5	29.5	24.0	103.8	556.7
Dec.	..	92.9	42.0	77.7	69.3	132.0	40.9	38.1	27.1	126.1	646.1
Mar.	..	88.3	42.1	75.2	63.6	94.9	34.7	34.2	22.1	104.3	559.4
June	..	90.8	43.3	73.1	58.3	117.6	34.3	32.5	23.2	104.6	577.7
1958-59—p											
Sept.	..	91.7	44.2	74.2	56.2	110.6	37.8	37.7	24.4	107.1	583.9
Dec.	..	99.2	44.7	81.8	67.4	136.0	45.0	43.9	27.2	126.4	671.6
Mar.	..	92.3	43.5	82.1	64.3	96.2	36.7	34.3	21.4	104.7	575.5
June	..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	606.7	185.5

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc. (f) Figures shown for these periods are broadly comparable with those for later periods.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	..	25,482	17,747	696	10,493	412
1956-57	..	26,421	18,751	710	11,406	432
1957-58	..	29,849	21,485	720	13,121	440
1958-59	..	32,911	23,751	722	14,739	448
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
July	..	32,697	23,425	716	14,274	437
August	..	31,028	21,950	707	13,478	434
September	..	34,515	24,501	710	15,067	437
October	..	36,950	26,437	715	16,402	444
November	..	33,289	24,206	727	15,092	453
December	..	36,434	27,110	744	16,924	465
January	..	29,885	20,672	692	12,977	434
February	..	29,410	21,079	717	13,004	442
March	..	31,132	22,760	731	14,110	453
April	..	34,566	25,721	744	15,944	461
May	..	31,705	23,212	732	14,430	455
June	..	33,326	23,948	719	15,169	455
1959-60—						
July p	..	34,302	24,529	715	15,491	452
August p	..	35,039	25,276	721	15,989	456
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	..	1,583	991	626	615	389
1956-57	..	1,798	1,222	679	763	424
1957-58	..	1,870	1,325	709	848	454
1958-59	..	2,584	1,822	705	1,168	452
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
July	..	2,110	1,375	652	909	431
August	..	2,005	1,301	649	855	426
September	..	2,397	1,782	743	1,155	482
October	..	3,012	2,213	735	1,390	461
November	..	3,081	2,527	820	1,608	522
December	..	3,142	2,467	785	1,600	509
January	..	2,239	1,294	578	830	371
February	..	2,473	1,788	723	1,082	438
March	..	2,593	1,813	699	1,161	448
April	..	2,849	1,950	684	1,237	434
May	..	2,595	1,698	654	1,105	426
June	..	2,507	1,651	659	1,078	430
1959-60—						
July p	..	2,668	1,641	615	1,049	393
August p	..	2,431	1,685	693	1,123	462

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	57,260	4,332	76	3,517	61
1956-57	57,618	4,455	77	3,574	62
1957-58	68,858	6,993	102	5,661	82
1958-59	69,727	6,934	99	5,694	82
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
July	71,593	7,379	103	6,026	84
August	66,743	7,061	106	5,786	87
September	71,107	7,440	105	6,072	85
October	74,716	7,664	103	6,264	84
November	70,118	7,004	100	5,740	82
December	85,361	7,838	92	6,475	76
January	72,814	6,935	95	5,659	78
February	66,556	6,576	99	5,431	82
March	64,291	6,199	96	5,105	79
April	65,801	6,533	99	5,376	82
May	62,813	6,327	101	5,216	83
June	64,807	6,249	96	5,179	80
1959-60—						
July p	62,202	6,212	100	5,137	83
August p	61,174	6,056	99	4,960	81
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	84,325	23,070	274	14,625	173
1956-57	85,837	24,428	285	15,743	183
1957-58	100,577	29,803	296	19,630	195
1958-59	105,222	32,507	309	21,601	205
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
July	106,400	32,179	302	21,209	199
August	99,776	30,312	304	20,119	202
September	108,019	33,723	312	22,294	206
October	114,678	36,314	317	24,056	210
November	106,488	33,737	317	22,440	211
December	124,937	37,415	299	24,999	200
January	104,938	28,901	275	19,466	186
February	98,439	29,443	299	19,517	198
March	98,016	30,772	314	20,376	208
April	103,216	34,204	331	22,557	219
May	97,113	31,237	322	20,751	214
June	100,640	31,848	316	21,426	213
1959-60—						
July p	99,172	32,382	327	21,677	219
August p	98,644	33,017	335	22,072	224

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954—							
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,319	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,288
30th June ..	69,067	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,933
30th September ..	75,174	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,532
31st December ..	79,654	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,578
1956—							
31st March ..	78,770	55,500	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	212,004
30th June ..	78,992	56,533	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,960
31st July ..	79,254	56,903	32,814	21,827	15,171	8,256	214,225
31st August ..	79,926	57,580	33,468	22,302	15,058	8,376	216,710
30th September ..	80,724	58,345	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,576
31st October ..	81,724	59,251	34,774	23,350	15,428	8,653	223,180
30th November ..	82,463	60,623	35,460	24,148	15,642	8,827	227,163
31st December ..	83,730	61,640	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,033	231,120
1957—							
31st January ..	83,962	61,975	36,365	25,126	15,783	8,998	232,209
28th February ..	83,740	62,208	36,484	25,237	15,416	8,988	232,073
31st March ..	83,617	62,379	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,049	232,210
30th April ..	84,051	62,782	36,796	25,164	15,448	8,994	233,235
31st May ..	84,469	63,524	36,910	25,306	15,519	9,034	234,762
30th June ..	85,259	64,445	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,023	236,498
31st July ..	86,073	65,495	37,062	25,369	15,558	9,008	238,565
31st August ..	86,926	66,856	37,482	25,553	15,760	8,998	241,575
30th September ..	88,554	67,831	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,985	245,114
31st October ..	90,529	69,486	38,332	26,191	16,398	9,028	249,964
30th November ..	93,032	71,636	39,274	26,727	16,900	9,219	256,788
31st December ..	96,276	74,557	40,286	27,454	17,470	9,457	265,500
1958—							
31st January ..	98,276	76,403	40,641	27,808	17,807	9,600	270,535
28th February ..	100,304	78,365	40,943	27,921	17,779	9,655	274,967
31st March ..	102,970	79,582	41,266	27,898	18,155	9,798	279,669
30th April ..	105,747	81,881	41,552	28,329	18,534	9,918	285,961
31st May ..	109,409	84,079	42,111	28,628	18,859	9,929	293,015
30th June ..	111,387	85,020	42,483	28,761	19,052	9,932	296,635
31st July ..	114,148	86,524	42,903	28,936	19,160	9,924	301,595
31st August ..	116,867	87,797	43,420	29,172	19,363	9,986	306,605
30th September ..	119,895	89,915	44,361	29,719	19,605	10,109	313,604
31st October ..	123,304	91,914	45,474	30,328	20,107	10,234	321,361
30th November ..	126,653	94,219	46,303	30,965	20,708	10,332	329,180
31st December ..	130,341	96,558	47,472	31,867	21,201	10,665	338,104
1959—							
31st January ..	131,651	97,257	47,683	32,150	21,308	10,637	340,686
28th February ..	132,823	97,731	47,936	32,137	20,570	10,627	341,824
31st March ..	134,390	98,247	48,240	32,054	20,526	10,609	344,066
30th April ..	137,232	99,131	48,571	32,125	20,699	10,613	348,371
31st May ..	139,184	99,801	48,871	32,339	20,818	10,546	351,559
30th June ..	141,087	100,222	48,936	32,603	20,779	10,546	354,173
31st July p ..	142,735	100,219	49,420	32,834	20,887	10,678	356,773
31st August p ..	144,829	101,140	49,912	33,078	21,122	10,779	360,860

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

	Period.				Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
		Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.			
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2			
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5			
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8			
1947-48	26.2	53.3	79.5			
1948-49	30.3	63.1	93.4			
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2			
1950-51	46.1	94.9	141.0			
1951-52	52.0	110.1	162.1			
1952-53	46.3	111.8	158.1			
1953-54	57.3	122.2	179.5			
1954-55	63.9	141.6	205.5			
1955-56	66.5	154.8	221.3			
1956-57	65.1	168.1	233.2			
1957-58	70.8	175.5	246.3			
Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.							
	8½%	12½%	16½%	25%	30%	Monthly Net Sales Recorded.	
1958-59—							
July	13.5	30.0	8.8	7.6	10.4	70.3
August	14.1	30.7	9.1	7.6	12.0	73.5
September	15.0	33.9	10.0	7.8	12.7	79.4
October	16.2	36.6	10.5	7.9	12.8	84.0
November	16.8	36.0	9.9	7.6	12.1	82.4
December	18.3	38.8	9.6	8.8	11.4	86.9
January	10.6	28.4	7.9	4.9	8.3	60.1
February	13.3	30.4	9.2	5.8	10.8	69.5
March	13.1	30.7	9.3	6.1	11.4	70.6
April	r13.8	r31.8	10.4	6.6	12.1	r74.7
May	r13.0	r28.8	9.8	r6.8	r10.8	r69.2
June(a)	12.8	29.1	10.1	6.7	11.2	69.9
1959-60—							
July(a)	13.8	32.6	10.0	7.5	12.0	75.9
							190.7
							266.6

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.				
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total. (c)										
	Class IA.	Class IB.	Motor Vehicle Assembly. ab	Other. (c)	Class Ic (1-4).	Class Ic (1-4).	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.								
Monthly Average—																	
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7			3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4	
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	(f)	(f)	4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3	
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9	
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)	14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8	
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6	
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9	
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6	
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2	
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0	
1958-59 p ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1	
Monthly Total—																	
1957-58—																	
August ..	1,846	2.7	728	1.1	4,801	7.1	28,132	41.5	35,507	52.4	2,471	3.6	2,185	3.2	742	1.2	
September ..	1,151	2.0	516	0.9	3,655	6.4	23,853	42.0	29,175	51.3	1,324	2.3	2,077	3.7	588	1.1	
October ..	2,077	2.9	529	0.7	5,130	7.1	30,236	42.2	37,972	52.9	2,423	3.4	3,265	4.5	725	1.2	
November ..	2,086	3.2	463	0.7	5,900	9.2	25,207	39.4	33,656	52.5	2,152	3.4	2,176	3.4	625	1.0	
December ..	1,642	2.6	535	0.9	4,294	7.0	24,679	39.7	31,150	50.2	1,642	2.7	1,912	3.1	675	1.1	
January ..	2,298	3.0	661	0.9	5,702	7.4	32,307	42.0	40,968	53.3	2,205	2.9	2,472	3.2	258	0.3	
February ..	2,116	3.4	981	1.5	4,944	7.9	25,360	40.8	33,401	53.6	2,251	3.6	1,879	3.0	429	0.7	
March ..	2,043	3.4	909	1.5	3,111	5.2	24,118	40.7	30,181	50.8	1,598	2.7	1,792	3.0	672	1.1	
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3	29,693	44.3	36,408	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2	
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9	25,229	38.0	33,897	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0	
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4	26,210	41.5	34,198	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0	
1958-59 p—																	
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3	26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3	
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8	28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	836	1.1	
September ..	2,281	3.5	519	0.8	4,816	7.3	26,132	39.9	33,748	51.5	2,358	3.6	1,820	2.8	898	1.4	
October ..	1,676	2.5	822	1.3	5,159	7.9	25,655	39.1	33,312	50.8	2,820	4.3	2,626	4.0	1,059	1.6	
November ..	1,763	2.5	729	1.1	5,820	8.7	27,836	41.4	36,148	53.7	2,400	3.6	2,897	4.3	579	0.9	
December ..	2,277	3.7	620	1.0	4,616	7.5	26,321	42.4	33,834	54.6	1,814	2.9	2,691	4.3	467	0.8	
January ..	2,108	2.8	519	0.7	4,924	6.6	33,314	44.8	40,865	54.9	2,873	3.9	2,612	3.5	499	0.6	
February ..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7	23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	4.4	1,664	2.8	781	1.3	
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7	22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	3.7	1,750	3.0	709	1.2	
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2	
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3	26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	2.8	1,863	3.0	641	1.0	
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5	27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	3.0	2,151	3.1	436	0.6	
1959-60 p—																	
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4	28,312	40.0	36,413	51.5	2,689	3.8	2,318	3.3	1,392	2.0	
August ..	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4	26,742	37.7	35,542	50.1	3,082	4.3	2,292	3.2	586	0.8	

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbol p, ——, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.					
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.				(a)	(a)		
	Class IV.	%	Class V. B.	%	Class V. A., C., D.	%	Class VI. A., B., C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E.-J.	Class VI	%	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6
1958-59 p..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
August ..	12,478	18.4	1,241	1.8	1,886	2.7	1,921	2.8	320	0.5	9,146	13.4
September ..	10,832	19.0	1,031	1.8	903	1.6	1,919	3.4	440	0.8	8,605	15.0
October ..	11,482	16.0	1,045	1.5	1,575	2.0	3,397	4.7	366	0.5	9,570	13.3
November ..	11,459	17.8	987	1.5	1,301	2.0	2,858	4.4	326	0.5	8,650	13.5
December ..	12,302	19.8	884	1.4	2,223	3.5	2,589	4.2	412	0.7	8,237	13.3
January ..	14,701	19.0	1,097	1.4	2,053	2.7	2,773	3.6	646	0.8	9,865	12.8
February ..	11,226	18.0	973	1.6	767	1.1	2,892	4.6	545	0.9	8,025	12.9
March ..	12,307	20.7	998	1.7	810	1.4	2,170	3.6	601	1.0	8,297	14.0
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8
1958-59 p—												
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	7,907	12.4
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	514	0.7	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	10,521	14.6
September ..	11,821	18.0	991	1.5	920	1.4	2,931	4.5	399	0.6	9,626	14.7
October ..	11,083	16.9	1,156	1.7	1,624	2.5	2,635	4.0	312	0.5	8,970	13.7
November ..	12,004	17.8	870	1.3	624	0.9	2,626	3.9	301	0.4	9,033	13.2
December ..	10,879	17.6	966	1.6	832	1.3	2,291	3.7	361	0.6	7,822	12.6
January ..	12,507	16.8	1,087	1.5	1,220	1.6	2,916	3.9	510	0.7	9,284	12.6
February ..	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	7,411	12.8
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	7,441	12.6
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,552	13.0
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	7,888	12.5
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,889	12.8
1959-60 p												
July ..	12,248	17.3	769	1.1	2,920	4.1	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	9,056	12.8
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.1	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	9,195	12.9

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class Ic.

For meaning of symbol p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 p ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
August ..	10,152	6,107	19,248	473	1,023	9,891	10,625	10,861	46,411	67,897
September ..	8,775	5,151	15,249	440	1,229	9,295	9,215	8,759	38,920	56,894
October ..	12,669	6,351	18,952	796	1,923	10,614	13,465	12,009	46,346	71,820
November ..	10,565	5,209	17,882	741	1,598	9,495	11,306	10,215	42,669	64,190
December ..	10,981	4,187	15,982	437	1,478	9,323	11,418	8,417	42,191	62,026
January ..	14,358	5,922	20,688	818	1,153	11,313	15,176	10,698	51,164	77,038
February ..	12,281	5,013	16,107	567	1,824	9,071	12,848	10,264	39,276	62,388
March ..	10,312	5,433	14,436	675	875	9,518	10,987	8,947	39,492	59,426
April ..	14,729	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,415	9,630	42,093	67,138
May ..	10,819	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,492	10,869	44,216	66,577
June ..	10,957	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,382	9,281	42,570	63,233
1958-59 p—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	8,865	13,743	9,224	40,850	63,817
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	11,663	10,413	11,762	50,683	72,858
September ..	10,969	4,947	17,832	534	1,922	10,500	11,503	10,499	43,510	65,512
October ..	10,253	5,495	17,564	622	1,290	10,005	10,875	10,702	44,020	65,597
November ..	12,642	4,585	18,921	537	1,517	9,906	13,179	9,776	44,527	67,482
December ..	12,808	4,498	16,528	499	1,151	8,824	13,307	8,641	40,009	61,957
January ..	15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	10,506	16,568	11,299	46,506	74,373
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	8,501	11,152	9,063	38,335	58,550
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,260	9,710	8,694	40,498	58,902
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,552	10,578	10,644	51,789	73,011
May ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,828	13,324	8,821	40,958	63,103
June ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,686	11,965	10,412	46,931	69,308
1959-60 p—										
July ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	9,829	11,752	11,413	47,579	70,744
August ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,277	11,710	11,081	48,235	71,026

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbol p, ——, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37..	..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402 12,316
1937-38..	..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409 11,719
1938-39..	..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356 10,128
1952-53..	..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116 70,708
1953-54..	..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004 67,655
1954-55..	..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070 63,170
1955-56..	..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106 64,236
1956-57..	..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684 81,083
1957-58..	..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829 67,626
1958-59 p	..	8,107	2,088	4,334	783	1,063	2,680	1,965	25,196	1,581 67,376
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
August	4,760	795	4,971	197	1,159	5,108	2,824	17,550	2,360 58,071
September	5,614	1,344	4,769	40	1,112	6,577	2,384	30,499	2,226 75,703
October	5,118	2,609	5,727	192	449	5,533	2,745	49,251	2,051 94,177
November	5,241	2,766	5,546	144	230	4,013	2,649	40,723	1,999 83,018
December	4,599	1,877	2,900	77	67	4,294	2,227	37,994	1,062 70,234
January	3,739	1,822	3,727	29	156	3,121	2,172	31,965	2,577 66,571
February	3,701	1,136	2,173	343	39	450	2,152	32,555	1,899 60,109
March	3,320	951	2,202	1,488	484	1,734	1,885	32,012	1,625 60,937
April	3,447	424	2,220	3,183	1,000	1,272	1,417	22,495	1,869 52,861
May	4,346	570	2,661	4,525	2,062	760	1,491	25,173	995 64,338
June	5,181	933	2,574	2,463	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,859 54,870
1958-59 p—										
July	7,413	1,104	3,896	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,321	1,731 61,425
August	6,657	835	3,509	209	2,054	3,248	1,763	10,577	1,122 47,554
September	6,158	1,586	3,861	91	1,589	4,960	2,032	17,446	1,480 55,675
October	9,004	2,946	4,355	163	901	5,054	1,819	28,972	1,875 74,147
November	8,973	2,243	2,259	140	309	2,124	1,782	26,642	1,998 66,200
December	9,443	3,610	4,291	19	184	3,230	1,916	33,241	1,500 75,678
January	9,183	3,314	4,554	14	40	1,727	1,714	25,132	1,725 66,956
February	8,493	3,591	6,512	153	23	2,298	1,906	26,911	2,030 73,939
March	7,952	1,173	3,995	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	28,048	1,034 66,531
April	7,548	1,660	4,724	2,553	970	2,479	2,202	26,074	1,597 72,055
May	7,170	1,794	3,777	3,439	2,021	2,143	2,423	30,932	1,664 77,279
June	9,290	1,097	6,279	1,239	2,589	568	2,648	26,054	1,213 71,071
1959-60 p—										
July	7,532	881	5,538	231	1,843	893	3,032	27,658	717 66,622
August	12,081	855	6,688	254	1,427	3,000	3,183	15,697	1,111 64,389

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1954-55	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978	1,950	1,452	1,722
1957-58—									
August	2,192	1,965	2,100	2,870	1,869	1,811	1,832	1,530	1,693
September	2,219	1,979	2,013	2,864	1,883	1,824	1,863	1,532	1,711
October	2,132	1,935	1,897	2,774	1,810	1,750	1,826	1,534	1,692
November	2,146	1,956	1,922	2,747	1,808	1,780	1,838	1,568	1,714
December	2,161	1,965	1,844	2,766	1,798	1,777	1,823	1,559	1,701
January	2,179	1,985	1,833	2,782	1,821	1,808	1,818	1,469	1,658
February	2,225	2,005	1,894	2,838	1,862	1,846	1,854	1,476	1,680
March	2,247	2,042	1,852	2,858	1,867	1,851	1,899	1,467	1,700
April	2,237	2,041	1,826	2,841	1,852	1,838	1,896	1,455	1,694
May	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713
October	2,297	1,931	1,564	2,878	1,868	1,865	1,901	1,440	1,690
November	2,318	1,934	1,554	2,927	1,883	1,902	1,907	1,437	1,691
December	2,378	1,939	1,536	2,995	1,914	1,932	1,901	1,450	1,694
January	2,429	2,036	1,522	3,093	1,967	1,982	1,934	1,471	1,721
February	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706
May	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145	1,974	1,448	1,733
June	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209	2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—									
July	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349	(c)	(c)	(c)
August	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482			

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production, in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate } (e) (f)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59	362	350	230	386	(g)	475	p382	367	335	178	p352	p340
1957-58—												
August	551	342	274	448	345	622	328	357	239	178	450	431
September	543	344	274	441	333	571	333	364	242	178	445	426
October	498	350	257	423	337	541	337	362	236	178	420	403
November	483	352	232	409	337	488	344	364	244	178	407	391
December	445	359	225	372	290	481	346	365	243	178	383	369
January	453	363	207	369	315	504	345	376	237	178	387	373
February	468	368	194	375	294	496	349	379	239	178	393	378
March	422	371	188	375	308	496	346	380	239	178	372	358
April	400	365	163	370	353	479	346	368	235	178	358	346
May	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	344
June	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	348
1958-59—												
July	(h) 400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	348
August	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	330
September	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	332
October	336	363	195	391	(g)	473	385	382	270	178	p337	p326
November	339	355	222	404	(g)	477	390	378	273	178	p341	p330
December	328	353	242	389	(g)	470	391	375	285	178	p337	p326
January	321	347	250	390	(g)	490	(h) 391	372	287	178	p335	p324
February	339	336	250	384	(g)	474	(h) 391	360	341	178	p340	p329
March	347	336	249	385	(g)	477	(h) 391	357	428	178	p344	p333
April	415	337	249	382	(g)	473	p387	348	521	178	p379	p365
May	415	339	262	396	(g)	477	p388	347	456	178	p383	p369
June	400	336	287	401	(g)	458	p387	341	452	178	p380	p366
1959-60—												
July	ph 407	p332	312	402	(g)	437	p387	327	464	178	p387	p372
August	p445	p340	336	418	(g)	p461	p365	324	461	178	p409	p393

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.
 (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
 (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants.
 (d) Cattle hides, calf skins.
 (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
 (f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
 (g) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes which are subject to revision since October, 1958, inclusive.
 (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. “Wool” and “Other Groups” are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1947–48 ..	287	280	283	1953–54..	..	615	356
1948–49 ..	365	305	332	1954–55..	..	538	342
1949–50 ..	473	308	383	1955–56..	..	464	342
1950–51 ..	999	365	654	1956–57..	..	578	331
1951–52 ..	564	397	473	1957–58..	..	471	313
1952–53 ..	616	371	483	1958–59..	..	362	p321
							p340

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
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	1954–55.			1955–56.			1956–57.		
	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403
July ..	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417
August ..	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441
September ..	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432
October ..	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445
November ..	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	329	447
December ..	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	330	451
January ..	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	330	458
February ..	528	341	426	453	335	388	596	329	451
March ..	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	331	462
April ..	520	340	422	498	323	403	626	333	467
May ..	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452

	1957–58.			1958–59.			1959–60.		
	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	p(a)407	p343	p372
July ..	551	331	431	354	310	330	p445	p349	p393
August ..	543	328	426	354	312	332			
September ..	498	323	403	336	p318	p326			
October ..	483	315	391	339	p322	p330			
November ..	445	305	369	328	p324	p326			
December ..	453	306	373	321	p327	p324			
January ..	468	303	378	339	p320	p329			
February ..	422	304	358	347	p321	p333			
March ..	400	301	346	415	p324	p365			
April ..	392	303	344	415	p330	p369			
May ..	400	306	348	400	p338	p366			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The “changing weights” index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of August.		Two months ended August.	
	1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
Excluding Wool ..	100	p113	100	p115
Including Wool ..	100	p118	100	p117

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.			
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1957-58—											
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	339	306	368	350
September ..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	334	303	365	346
October ..	398	240	454	353	295	457	358	322	304	353	338
November ..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December ..	399	236	419	346	293	457	355	319	304	348	335
January ..	400	236	424	347	278	458	355	318	302	349	335
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350	336
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351	337
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349	335
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360	338
September ..	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361	338
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356	334
November ..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352	332
December ..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348	328
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354	332
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365	340
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368	343
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363	340
June ..	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364	340
1959-60—											
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366	342
August ..	p388	230	p417	330	411	422	p346	p343	p281	p371	p345

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 411 for August, 1959. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For July, 1959, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were : "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 340 ; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 369 ; "Total All Groups," 343.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.
 (Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
							(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1953-54 ..	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	365
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	(f) 145	(f) 141	161	429
1958-59 ..	336			p224	226	290	137	142	170	p438
1958-59—										
Oct. ..	334	278	290	p222	225	290	136	141	166	446
Nov. ..	332	279	290	223	225	292	137	141	166	435
Dec. ..	328	279		224	225	292	136	142	167	430
Jan. ..	327			224	226	290	136	142	175	435
Feb. ..	332			225	226	288	136	142	174	439
Mar. ..	340			225	226	288	136	142	173	436
Apr. ..	343			226	227	288	139	142	173	431
May ..	340			226	227	290	140	142	174	p435
June ..	340			225	226	292	139	142	172	p440
1959-60—										
July ..	342			226	226	290	p138	p142	p172	
Aug. ..	p345				225		p141	p142		

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939. (f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia. (b)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	97.3	96	97	98	100	Base :
1937-38 ..	99.8	101	101	102	101	17th June, 1947 = 100c
1938-39 ..	102.9	103	102	100	99	
1953-54 ..	262.2	195	199	184	190	140
1954-55 ..	264.4	201	204	185	190	146
	A B					
1955-56 ..	274.2 277.4	206	209	186	190	(d) 154
1956-57 ..	286.2 290.9	213	212	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	292.5 291.5	217	221	197	202	166
1958-59 ..	299.5 298.9	231	226	200	205	168
1958-59—						
October ..	299.1	298.4	231	226	200	205
November ..				226	201	205
December ..				227	201	205
January ..				226	200	205
February ..	300.0	300.3	231	226	200	205
March ..				226	199	205
April ..				226	199	205
May ..	302.4	301.9	232	227	200	205
June ..				227	200	206

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. (d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage Rate Indexes: Six States.	
	Food and Groceries. (a)	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)	Nominal Rates. Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)
1936-37	963	968	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1951-52	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1952-53	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217
1953-54	3,073	1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622	3,207	1,223
1954-55	3,098	1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644	3,249	1,229
	A | B				A | B		A | B
1955-56	3,265 | 3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742 | 2,774	(c) 3,362	1,226 | 1,212
1956-57	3,395 | 3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862 | 2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236 | 1,216
1957-58	3,424 | 3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925 | 2,915	3,605	1,233 | 1,237
1958-59	3,492 | 3,477	1,621	4,192	2,565	2,995 | 2,989	3,681	1,229 | 1,232
1954-55—							
December Quarter	3,063	1,306	3,939	2,147	2,631	3,233	1,229
March "	3,124	1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649	3,269	1,234
June "	3,169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678	3,283	1,226
1955-56—	A | B				A | B		A | B
September Quarter	3,215 | 3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700 | 2,719	3,299	1,222 | 1,213
December "	3,239 | 3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721 | 2,746	3,345	1,229 | 1,218
March "	3,262 | 3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748 | 2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226 | 1,212
June "	3,343 | 3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797 | 2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228 | 1,205
1956-57—							
September Quarter	3,394 | 3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832 | 2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229 | 1,181
December "	3,380 | 3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849 | 2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244 | 1,216
March "	3,401 | 3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872 | 2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232 | 1,231
June "	3,406 | 3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893 | 2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239 | 1,235
1957-58—							
September Quarter	3,417 | 3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907 | 2,903	3,594	1,236 | 1,238
December "	3,381 | 3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905 | 2,893	3,595	1,238 | 1,243
March "	3,446 | 3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933 | 2,923	3,594	1,225 | 1,230
June "	3,453 | 3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955 | 2,940	3,638	1,231 | 1,237
1958-59—							
September Quarter	3,452 | 3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966 | 2,950	3,652	1,231 | 1,238
December "	3,475 | 3,458	1,614	4,192	2,579	2,991 | 2,984	3,655	1,222 | 1,225
March "	3,498 | 3,509	1,631	4,181	2,578	3,000 | 3,003	3,668	1,223 | 1,221
June "	3,542 | 3,531	1,646	4,205	2,577	3,024 | 3,019	3,749	1,240 | 1,242

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
Year ended June—							
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3
1958	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6
1959	115.8	115.9	110.4	136.5	123.9	118.4	118.5
Quarter ended—							
1957—September ..	113.7	113.8	108.4	126.1	119.9	115.1	115.1
December ..	112.8	112.4	109.1	127.0	120.1	115.1	114.9
1958—March ..	114.6	114.4	109.3	128.2	120.2	115.9	115.8
June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9
December ..	115.1	115.1	110.5	136.0	124.5	118.3	118.3
1959—March ..	116.1	116.7	110.3	137.4	124.7	118.8	119.0
June ..	117.4	117.6	110.7	138.6	125.2	119.7	119.7

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58p	336	435	382	r388	473	r359

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Price Index—All Groups.			Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.		Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.)					
	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups. (a)	" C " Series Index.(c)			Interim Index.(d)		
1936-37 ..	108	116	115	99	99	97.3			Base : 1952-53 = 100		Base : 1952-53 = 100
1937-38 ..	105	102	102	102	101	99.8			(Arithmetically con- verted for comparison.)		
1938-39 ..	87	82	83	99	100	102.9					
1951-52 ..	397	495	473	321	297	233.7		91.7		91.4	
1952-53 ..	371	505	483	350	319	255.0		100.0	A	100.0	B
1953-54 ..	356	496	474	332	319	262.2		102.8		102.2	102.5
1954-55 ..	342	450	431	330	322	264.4		103.7		103.7	103.6
1955-56 ..	342	414	397	345	334	274.2	A	107.5	B	107.0	108.0
1956-57 ..	331	464	444	367	344	286.2		112.2		113.0	114.3
1957-58 ..	313	400	385	355	339	292.5		114.7		115.7	115.6
1958-59 ..	p321	p352	p340	340	336	299.5		117.5		118.4	118.5
1956-57—											
April ..	331	483	462	369	344	289.3					
May ..	333	488	467	367	340		290.1	113.5	113.8	114.5	114.8
June ..	332	473	452	365	345						
1957-58—											
July ..	327	470	450	364	347	290.7					
August ..	331	450	431	363	350		290.3	114.0	113.8	115.1	115.1
September ..	328	445	426	361	346						
October ..	323	420	403	358	338	290.5					
November ..	315	407	391	357	334		289.3	114.0	113.5	115.1	114.9
December ..	305	383	369	355	335						
January ..	306	387	373	355	335	293.3					
February ..	303	393	378	355	336		292.3	115.0	114.7	115.9	115.8
March ..	304	372	358	353	337						
April ..	301	358	346	351	335	295.5					
May ..	303	356	344	343	336		294.0	115.9	115.3	116.7	116.5
June ..	306	361	348	343	337						
1958-59—											
July ..	304	361	348	339	336	296.6					
August ..	310	342	330	338	338		295.0	116.3	115.7	117.1	116.9
September ..	312	343	332	340	338						
October ..	p318	p337	p326	339	334	299.1					
November ..	p322	p341	p330	338	332		298.4	117.3	117.0	118.3	118.3
December ..	p324	p337	p326	336	328						
January ..	p327	p335	p324	336	327	300.0					
February ..	p320	p340	p329	338	332		300.3	117.7	117.8	118.8	119.0
March ..	p321	p344	p333	340	340						
April ..	p324	p379	p365	346	343	302.4					
May ..	p330	p383	p369	344	340		301.9	118.6	118.4	119.7	119.7
June ..	p338	p380	p366	343	340						
1959-60—											
July ..	p343	p387	p372	343	342						
August ..	p349	p409	p393	p346	p345						

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1958 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,711	3,555	3,417	3,447	3,608	3,645	3,594
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 269/-	(d) 263/-	(e) 244/-	(f) 251/-	(g) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,768	3,583	3,463	3,510	3,620	3,685	3,638
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(i) 248/-	(j) 256/-	(g) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,769	3,589	3,526	3,512	3,651	3,698	3,652
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(k) 254/-	(j) 256/-	(l) 272/3	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : December Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,765	3,590	3,549	3,513	3,665	3,699	3,655
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 273/-	(d) 263/-	(m) 256/-	(j) 256/-	(m) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,780	3,593	3,586	3,518	3,666	3,704	3,668
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 275/-	(d) 263/-	(n) 260/-	(j) 256/-	(m) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,851	3,676	3,657	3,689	3,706	3,831	3,749
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (o)	283/-	275/-	258/-	271/-	276/-	282/-	276/-
State " " " ..	(c) 276/-	(p) 275/-	(q) 263/-	(r) 271/-	(q) 275/1	(d) 272/-	..

(a) Index numbers : Base—Weighted Average, Six States, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. See note at head of page 26.
 (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 15th May, 1957. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) Payable as from 27th January, 1958. (f) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (g) Payable as from 7th February, 1958. (h) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (i) Payable as from 28th April, 1958. (j) Payable as from 26th May, 1958. (k) Payable as from 24th July, 1958. (l) Payable as from 4th August, 1958. (m) Payable as from 27th October, 1958. (n) Payable as from 2nd February, 1959. (o) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (p) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards varied determinations by adopting the Federal basic wage rate. (q) Payable as from 27th April, 1959. (r) Payable as from 15th June, 1959.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1952-53	..	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953-54	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	22,484	16,257	7,034	4,793	3,361	1,729	55,658
1956-57—								
June Quarter	..	21,363	15,304	6,513	4,595	3,216	1,713	52,704
1957-58—								
September	..	21,289	15,170	6,592	4,619	3,317	1,578	52,565
December	..	22,741	16,253	6,894	4,772	3,353	1,674	55,687
March	..	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	..	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
1958-59—								
September	..	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
December	..	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
March	..	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568
June	..	22,857	16,692	7,132	4,886	3,402	1,793	56,762

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)								
1952-53	..	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953-54	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	21.11	20.89	18.78	19.11	18.34	19.42	20.31
1956-57—								
June Quarter	..	20.29	20.12	17.70	18.50	17.71	19.51	19.53
1957-58—								
September	..	20.18	19.97	17.83	18.66	18.37	18.22	19.47
December	..	21.44	21.27	18.96	19.25	18.46	19.22	20.59
March	..	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	..	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—								
September	..	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
December	..	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
March	..	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14
June	..	21.37	21.27	18.88	19.23	18.48	19.97	20.57

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1951-52(b) ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53..	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54..	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56..	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57..	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58..	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
1958-59..	3,538	12,780	379	5,538	3,917	18,318	3,338	21,656
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
August ..	3,986	13,384	403	4,212	4,389	17,596	3,737	21,333
September ..	3,522	12,593	325	4,303	3,847	16,896	2,893	19,789
October ..	3,528	12,406	373	3,340	3,901	15,746	3,033	18,779
November ..	3,269	11,164	350	3,160	3,619	14,324	2,876	17,200
December ..	2,413	8,967	229	2,483	2,642	11,450	2,019	13,469
January ..	3,351	11,123	287	5,764	3,638	16,887	2,772	19,659
February ..	3,155	10,768	346	3,778	3,501	14,546	2,455	17,001
March ..	3,552	11,944	348	3,601	3,900	15,545	2,728	18,273
April ..	3,567	12,903	360	6,082	3,927	18,985	3,074	22,059
May ..	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June ..	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July ..	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	408	4,563	4,523	19,149	3,761	22,910
October ..	3,839	13,500	420	5,384	4,259	18,884	3,303	22,187
November ..	3,523	12,997	347	3,962	3,870	16,959	3,000	19,959
December ..	2,787	9,928	330	4,015	3,117	13,943	2,563	16,506
January ..	2,712	10,176	266	3,747	2,978	13,923	2,092	16,015
February ..	3,440	12,697	326	4,395	3,766	17,092	3,103	20,195
March ..	3,317	11,998	349	6,695	3,666	18,693	2,658	21,351
April ..	3,772	13,585	365	6,277	4,137	19,862	3,633	23,495
May ..	3,366	11,975	399	7,507	3,765	19,482	5,069	24,551
June ..	3,723	14,031	444	6,210	4,167	20,241	3,924	24,165
1959-60—								
July ..	4,146	14,918	459	5,740	4,605	20,658	3,666	24,324
August ..	3,905	15,147	507	6,251	4,412	21,398	3,752	25,150

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol ———, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.		Private.(a)	Government. (b)		Private.	Government.		Private.
	Commonwealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Commonwealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Commonwealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1953-54 ..	(e)4,622	(f)12,356	(g)9,691	1,912	3,553	(h)4,622	1,653	(f)3,890	(i)2,297
1954-55 ..	5,936	(j)17,892	(j)8,365	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598	(h)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,199	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58 ..	6,170	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1958-59 ..	7,109	21,656	10,840	3,457	8,077	4,295	1,747	7,803	2,290
1957-58—									
September Qtr.	5,378	20,400	10,439	2,762	7,214	4,165	1,150	6,992	2,096
December ,,	6,039	16,542	9,503	1,878	5,457	4,090	2,549	6,196	2,095
March ,,	5,998	18,311	9,452	2,171	6,689	3,713	1,644	6,543	2,145
June .. ,,	7,266	21,447	10,052	3,894	8,483	3,901	1,526	7,060	2,307
1958-59—									
September ,,	7,217	23,814	11,746	3,880	9,120	5,011	1,560	8,437	2,504
December ,,	6,533	19,551	10,200	2,479	7,098	3,893	2,526	7,147	2,125
March ,,	6,273	19,187	9,088	2,880	6,834	3,685	1,122	6,982	2,119
June ,,	8,413	24,070	12,327	4,590	9,257	4,591	1,782	8,645	2,413
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—									
September ..	9,188	22,910	n.a.	4,651	9,409	4,857	2,354	6,692	2,561
October ..	6,460	22,187	n.a.	2,698	7,188	4,077	2,200	8,880	2,668
November ..	6,115	19,959	n.a.	1,671	7,920	3,687	2,907	6,495	1,971
December ..	7,024	16,506	n.a.	3,067	6,185	3,914	2,472	6,065	1,736
January ..	3,499	16,015	n.a.	1,666	5,783	3,975	1,113	5,213	1,928
February ..	6,999	20,195	n.a.	3,087	7,676	3,525	1,078	6,893	2,362
March ..	8,321	21,351	n.a.	3,887	7,042	3,555	1,175	8,842	2,067
April ..	9,423	23,495	n.a.	6,038	9,084	4,677	1,732	8,527	2,556
May ..	6,710	24,551	n.a.	3,717	9,284	4,057	1,406	9,531	2,204
June ..	9,106	24,165	n.a.	4,015	9,403	5,040	2,208	7,878	2,479
1959-60									
July ..	7,151	24,324	n.a.	3,291	8,536	5,314	2,364	8,389	3,150
August ..	4,932	25,150	n.a.	2,288	9,821	6,202	1,405	8,488	2,787

(a) See note (a) on page 33, (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See note (f), page 33. (f) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne

includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33.

(h) See A below. (i) See B below. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b) Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)	
		Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.		Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.		Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.		Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1953-54 ..	(c) 303	1,299	(d) 1,404	320	1,486	392	314	1,750	548	120	(e) 378	(f) 428
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 393	(g) 460
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	234	1,470	435	238	454	565
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	425	1,321	520	202	412	481
1958-59 ..	521	1,863	2,141	685	2,268	1,120	478	1,231	479	221	414	515
1957-58—												
Sept. Qtr.	577	1,513	2,223	381	2,395	905	339	1,854	567	169	432	483
Dec. "	379	1,469	1,785	508	1,830	622	553	1,167	456	172	423	455
Mar. "	1,004	1,644	1,879	495	2,011	677	402	1,020	536	282	404	502
June "	494	2,180	1,992	758	2,027	849	407	1,247	521	187	450	482
1958-59—												
Sept. ..	508	1,844	2,053	443	2,586	1,150	706	1,347	515	120	480	513
Dec. ..	386	1,714	2,131	606	2,082	1,057	272	1,182	463	264	328	531
Mar. ..	659	1,866	1,712	888	2,079	700	538	1,016	413	186	410	459
June ..	530	2,027	2,670	804	2,324	1,571	395	1,379	525	312	438	557
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
September ..	1,003	1,864	2,200	371	2,686	n.a.	659	1,633	488	150	626	532
October ..	327	1,909	2,388	675	2,451	n.a.	236	1,371	565	324	388	575
November ..	537	1,834	1,995	500	2,141	n.a.	208	1,172	415	292	397	567
December ..	294	1,399	2,010	644	1,655	n.a.	371	1,004	408	176	198	452
January ..	349	1,844	1,448	135	1,801	n.a.	159	853	351	77	521	421
February ..	911	1,934	1,849	808	2,218	n.a.	937	1,142	425	178	332	478
March ..	717	1,820	1,838	1,722	2,217	n.a.	518	1,053	463	302	377	478
April ..	215	1,807	2,611	795	2,078	n.a.	491	1,615	526	152	384	762
May ..	298	1,823	2,675	831	2,131	n.a.	142	1,205	531	316	577	541
June ..	1,075	2,452	2,724	788	2,762	n.a.	551	1,316	519	469	354	368
1959-60—												
July ..	306	2,282	2,836	475	3,077	n.a.	487	1,551	549	228	489	731
August ..	344	2,740	2,699	244	2,177	n.a.	143	1,460	520	508	464	621

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (d) See C below.

(e) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (f) See F below. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953–54..	..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339
1954–55(b)	..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592
1955–56..	..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652
1956–57..	..	52,355	37,386	89,741	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758
1957–58..	..	57,259	37,929	95,188	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,772
1958–59..	..	63,698	44,280	107,978	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771
Quarterly Total—									
1956–57—									
Mar. Qtr.	..	51,663	35,511	87,174	47,622	40,451	88,073	157,737	228,378
June "	..	56,134	34,298	90,432	53,816	39,830	93,646	161,478	224,758
1957–58—									
Sept. "	..	59,147	39,139	98,286	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212,075
Dec. "	..	53,014	31,753	84,767	61,801	44,466	106,267	160,581	201,631
Mar. "	..	55,656	39,157	94,813	55,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	196,037
June "	..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772
1958–59—									
Sept. "	..	67,969	49,085	117,054	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,441
Dec. "	..	57,096	33,205	90,301	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,983
Mar. "	..	63,683	41,432	105,115	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743
June "	..	66,043	53,398	119,441	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953–54 ..	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	n.a.	970	69,910
1954–55 ..	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955–56 ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956–57 ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957–58 ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958–59 ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
Quarterly Total—									
1956–57—									
Mar. Qtr.	..	35,794	25,477	8,655	8,588	5,107	3,214	349	88,073
June "	..	35,298	29,330	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	499	93,646
1957–58—									
Sept. "	..	44,859	33,424	9,815	9,012	6,297	3,192	698	1,828
Dec. "	..	40,688	31,954	10,263	10,178	8,044	3,312	502	1,326
Mar. "	..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	311	818
June "	..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	599	1,869
1958–59—									
Sept. "	..	39,545	30,964	10,657	9,731	9,706	3,066	538	2,652
Dec. "	..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257
Mar. "	..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169
June "	..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	n.a.	96	(b)19,219
1954-55	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—June Qtr.	6,751	5,517	1,637	1,813	1,571	751	38	405	18,483
1957-58—Sept. ..	6,703	5,480	1,986	2,058	1,686	633	73	301	18,920
Dec. ..	6,057	5,392	1,612	1,778	1,249	582	38	340	17,048
Mar. ..	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	100	198	17,886
June ..	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
1958-59—Sept. ..	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. ..	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. ..	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June ..	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	r20,958
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954-55	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—June Qtr.	6,002	5,262	1,891	1,802	1,482	705	90	161	17,395
1957-58—Sept. ..	5,824	5,119	2,030	2,020	1,664	665	85	122	17,529
Dec. ..	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	62	223	20,045
Mar. ..	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	53	148	17,627
June ..	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	75	261	19,384
1958-59—Sept. ..	7,494	6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,530
Dec. ..	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. ..	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June ..	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	r21,829
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1953-54	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b)65,614
1954-55	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1956-57—June Qtr. ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58—Sept. ..	20,127	19,016	3,630	6,076	4,941	2,139	151	1,180	57,260
Dec. ..	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	127	1,297	54,264
Mar. ..	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	54,518
June ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59—Sept. ..	18,879	19,458	3,632	5,476	4,269	2,157	221	1,610	55,702
Dec. ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	r52,159

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gen- er- ated.	Pig Iron. (b)	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,399	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	8,885	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.3	258.8	9,594	r21,359	2,987
1958-59 p ..	r1,549	r150	r1,699	1,028	r91.5	4,055	1,761	190.7	266.2	9,559	20,022	3,741
Monthly Total—												
1957-58 —												
August ..	1,654	191	1,845	972	86.9	4,708	1,773	196.3	271.7	9,532	21,839	1,864
September ..	1,636	188	1,824	907	87.8	4,378	1,641	182.2	261.5	9,196	20,313	2,521
October ..	1,746	194	1,940	920	89.2	4,109	1,665	188.0	263.9	9,669	21,732	2,774
November ..	1,641	190	1,831	879	90.8	3,729	1,584	182.0	246.4	9,394	21,926	3,105
December ..	1,218	129	1,347	753	r94.8	3,521	1,530	202.1	250.9	9,728	20,895	2,820
January ..	1,101	132	1,233	851	92.4	3,429	1,518	197.5	269.9	9,657	21,050	2,248
February ..	1,467	194	1,661	807	84.1	3,232	1,468	172.6	232.6	8,609	18,865	2,920
March ..	1,486	184	1,670	889	85.5	3,663	1,632	196.6	265.9	9,560	22,072	3,708
April ..	1,444	176	1,620	901	81.7	3,701	1,588	186.5	254.2	9,306	22,985	3,414
May ..	1,565	204	1,769	1,001	88.1	4,203	1,766	199.5	277.6	9,748	22,598	3,537
June ..	1,553	155	1,708	1,000	95.9	4,646	1,813	178.9	256.6	9,811	22,051	4,265
1958-59 p —												
July ..	1,818	199	2,017	1,118	107.9	5,131	1,968	190.0	270.5	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,663	174	1,837	1,060	85.3	4,774	1,852	194.7	267.2	9,888	19,802	4,202
September ..	1,630	173	1,803	1,061	99.0	4,431	1,775	189.2	263.6	9,663	19,997	4,639
October ..	r1,836	158	r1,994	1,032	92.7	4,147	1,774	182.0	265.3	9,862	18,284	4,479
November ..	1,600	164	1,764	998	86.9	3,663	1,660	188.5	262.7	9,382	21,120	3,898
December ..	1,197	152	1,349	926	100.8	3,596	1,638	200.2	269.9	9,696	21,038	2,020
January ..	1,010	123	1,133	900	79.8	3,253	1,591	198.7	267.6	9,412	21,300	2,433
February ..	1,532	128	1,660	891	85.4	3,190	1,574	180.1	244.0	8,587	20,336	3,636
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	1,011	93.9	3,384	1,688	187.6	274.2	9,606	18,866	3,800
April ..	r1,565	136	r1,701	1,024	83.2	3,769	1,731	192.2	265.4	9,350	20,147	3,687
May ..	r1,542	129	r1,671	1,130	82.9	4,453	1,893	206.5	287.4	9,944	19,371	4,207
June ..	1,640	142	1,782	1,188	99.6	4,864	1,987	231.1	291.7	9,731	20,875	3,942
1959-60 p —												
July ..	1,739	148	1,887	1,262	90.2	5,085	2,104	210.4	290.7	9,990	r18,876	3,928
August ..	1,631	160	1,791	1,209		4,892	2,008	212.3	285.0	10,083	20,110	3,889

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.
 (d) Includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Clay Bricks. Million.	Building Materials.						Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators. No.
		Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta. '000.	Cement '000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e) 1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293
1957-58r ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	190.9	1,453	3,602	4,663	4,588	16,327
1958-59p ..	80.0	4,942	4,348	2,239	123.4	207.6	1,488	3,372	5,505	5,484	18,063
Monthly Total—											
1957-58 p—											
August ..	75.4	5,115	4,357	2,364	119.5	200.4	1,442	4,500	5,190	4,227	12,692
September ..	75.2	5,209	3,958	2,181	115.4	186.1	1,461	4,178	5,589	4,320	16,347
October ..	82.7	5,538	4,516	2,236	131.6	202.0	1,632	5,352	6,126	5,255	21,972
November ..	79.4	5,123	4,259	2,563	125.7	200.8	1,524	4,469	5,250	5,050	24,552
December ..	61.5	4,137	3,148	1,692	110.8	169.2	1,142	3,108	4,148	4,431	21,283
January ..	56.1	3,767	3,087	1,352	98.2	166.6	1,116	2,522	3,816	3,141	17,975
February ..	69.8	4,925	4,114	2,217	109.4	177.7	1,436	3,281	4,761	4,556	15,716
March ..	74.2	4,938	4,140	2,500	120.6	199.6	1,402	2,985	4,272	4,994	13,907
April ..	73.0	4,983	3,929	2,037	107.9	195.7	1,403	3,347	4,305	4,142	11,510
May ..	82.8	5,235	4,429	2,772	123.4	208.9	1,519	3,871	4,234	4,983	13,138
June ..	75.4	4,936	3,980	2,081	122.2	205.7	1,420	3,281	3,940	4,565	13,161
1958-59 p—											
July ..	87.3	5,392	4,434	2,450	124.4	208.7	1,603	3,959	5,347	5,637	18,623
August ..	79.7	4,959	4,194	2,456	135.6	215.2	1,512	4,177	5,558	5,173	19,881
September ..	86.7	5,145	4,529	2,241	131.5	212.7	1,571	4,143	6,662	5,196	21,527
October ..	86.2	5,556	4,794	2,371	136.8	223.9	1,625	3,736	7,212	5,881	27,632
November ..	78.9	4,945	4,464	2,446	130.6	210.2	1,544	3,312	6,268	5,361	23,445
December ..	73.3	4,221	3,770	1,897	115.7	192.6	1,275	3,107	5,798	4,956	23,389
January ..	53.5	3,571	3,134	1,587	90.6	158.7	1,098	2,105	3,838	3,375	13,725
February ..	75.9	4,909	4,383	2,209	105.2	190.3	1,478	2,972	6,111	5,702	16,809
March ..	81.5	4,881	4,388	1,871	116.8	215.3	1,448	3,234	5,130	5,851	12,406
April ..	84.8	5,467	4,810	2,333	120.2	218.5	1,610	3,252	5,653	6,675	12,439
May ..	185.8	5,216	4,720	2,621	133.9	232.5	1,551	3,061	4,397	6,145	12,645
June ..	85.8	5,041	4,560	2,375	138.8	212.6	1,542	3,406	4,091	5,852	14,238
1959-60 p—											
July ..	90.5	5,604	4,857	r2,570	137.6	223.2	1,634	3,989	6,843	5,947	20,131
August ..	87.4	4,841	5,064	2,841		229.0	1,548	3,493	7,190	5,487	19,185

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).			Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.		Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	
Monthly Average—								
1936-37	730	n.a.	n.a.		8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38	965	n.a.	n.a.		7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39	974	n.a.	n.a.		8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1952-53	2,302	2,052	1,289		10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54	3,175	2,678	1,686		11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55	3,458	2,753	1,259		11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56	3,379	3,222	1,308		12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57	3,498	3,856	1,895		13.8	3.98	2.73	
1957-58	3,720	3,695	1,768		12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958-59 p	3,555	3,518	1,365		12.9	3.45	2.30	2,000
Monthly Total—								
1957-58 p—								
August	3,834	3,929	2,168		13.4	4.07	2.82	1,930
September	3,723	3,761	2,165		12.6	4.04	2.92	1,962
October	4,173	3,989	2,096		13.7	4.48	3.17	2,159
November	3,927	3,700	1,735		14.0	4.14	3.03	2,054
December	2,822	2,617	1,260		12.2	3.13	2.17	1,535
January	3,012	3,064	1,188		10.6	3.08	2.19	1,163
February	3,739	3,744	1,692		12.7	3.98	2.97	1,647
March	3,806	3,728	1,680		13.4	3.92	2.91	1,701
April	3,903	3,874	1,527		10.5	3.68	2.69	1,675
May	3,798	3,906	1,550		12.5	3.71	2.33	1,828
June	3,448	3,620	1,818		12.6	3.30	1.94	1,716
1958-59 p—								
July	3,957	3,865	1,562		12.4	3.33	2.10	2,151
August	3,551	3,560	1,463		10.4	3.03	2.00	2,266
September	3,500	3,672	1,532		11.2	3.43	2.20	2,431
October	3,889	3,906	1,484		12.4	3.52	2.59	2,485
November	3,503	3,603	1,277		13.5	3.45	2.49	2,135
December	2,961	3,047	1,096		12.2	2.91	2.14	1,806
January	2,607	2,793	896		9.9	2.42	1.64	1,165
February	3,553	3,319	1,303		13.4	3.61	2.50	1,810
March	3,556	3,417	1,342		13.9	3.70	2.59	1,819
April	4,191	3,965	1,508		14.5	4.08	2.62	1,987
May	3,652	3,430	1,357		15.3	3.93	2.45	1,901
June	3,763	3,638	1,588		16.1	4.05	2.38	2,046
1959-60 p—								
July	r4,143	r3,721	1,416		16.2	r4.19	2.34	2,270
August	3,676	3,559	1,315		13.4	3.79	2.25	2,374

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1952-53	131.2	156.4	(g)	73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54	157.9	179.1		101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57	120.9	237.0		(h) 9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58	122.7	209.8	67.1	(h) 8.4	151.5	241.3	127.5
1958-59 p.. ..	109.0	223.7	61.9	(h) 7.1	154.7	251.6	134.2
Monthly Total—							
1957-58 p—							
August	131.2	225.9	63.9	7.9	165.3	242.8	154.1
September	127.9	203.9	63.0	8.5	161.6	241.0	158.5
October	145.1	233.4	63.8	11.6	182.3	284.3	176.7
November	145.9	227.0	61.8	9.9	159.5	276.0	156.5
December	107.6	180.5	45.2	10.3	132.4	226.2	115.7
January	79.5	142.2	41.5	6.1	102.8	173.3	61.7
February	125.1	204.6	66.2	7.4	153.3	253.7	102.8
March	120.3	203.9	63.4	7.8	153.6	243.7	97.0
April	113.8	191.8	61.0	7.8	153.5	239.0	100.7
May	131.6	229.4	67.0	8.5	150.0	238.1	123.5
June	116.1	219.4	63.9	7.1	142.0	218.0	128.2
1958-59 p—							
July	117.5	248.1	71.2	8.4	179.2	273.0	167.3
August	110.0	237.6	70.6	8.8	156.9	248.9	156.1
September	123.1	245.3	73.2	7.6	171.4	266.7	176.4
October	124.2	268.2	70.0	7.3	181.9	299.2	174.2
November	114.8	228.7	59.8	6.1	162.1	294.7	153.1
December	89.0	185.0	57.7	6.4	146.7	246.5	120.4
January	64.1	137.9	37.3	4.2	92.1	160.1	59.7
February	103.6	210.1	59.5	8.7	152.1	267.2	108.9
March	103.9	211.6	57.1	6.8	154.7	242.4	110.6
April	119.5	232.5	59.4	6.8	161.9	238.5	119.8
May	115.8	241.7	61.1	6.9	146.5	238.1	129.2
June	122.6	237.3	66.4	7.4	150.6	236.6	134.1
1959-60 p—							
July	146.2	249.4	64.7	8.9	179.6	272.8	184.8
August	130.1	245.9	63.3	8.8	147.4	248.9	168.6

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.

(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbol p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57 p	138.1	p40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	p18,793
1957-58p	112.6	42.9	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	64.7	21.8	12.5	8.1	107.1	19,450
1958-59p	113.3	43.4	114.1	15,901	3,591	6,300	74.5	24.7	14.7	8.4	122.3	19,037
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—	p	p					pr	pr	pr	pr	pr	p
Aug. ..	139.5	41.7	89.9	11,284	2,978	5,653	75.2	17.3	9.1	7.7	109.3	15,635
Sept. ..	123.5	43.9	121.0	16,883	4,356	8,496	65.8	19.9	11.9	7.7	105.3	19,637
Oct. ..	130.2	45.5	146.0	21,219	5,316	10,528	65.7	25.1	19.2	8.8	118.8	22,230
Nov. ..	130.6	45.4	153.3	22,988	4,931	10,709	53.3	25.3	20.3	9.3	108.2	23,145
Dec. ..	113.2	41.2	139.6	20,728	3,992	9,687	50.8	26.2	17.2	11.4	105.6	25,095
Jan. ..	105.4	39.1	120.5	17,407	3,033	7,991	55.0	26.7	12.2	7.7	101.6	21,172
Feb. ..	94.2	43.4	105.2	14,940	2,290	6,371	51.4	26.5	10.6	7.7	96.2	18,574
Mar. ..	93.9	49.1	104.3	14,624	2,074	5,742	59.1	23.1	10.5	8.6	101.3	20,065
Apr. ..	84.9	40.0	81.9	10,519	1,610	4,260	63.9	21.4	10.3	8.7	104.3	18,008
May ..	101.0	44.9	69.3	7,859	1,555	3,512	81.6	21.6	10.6	9.2	123.0	17,701
June ..	96.5	40.0	64.4	6,876	1,694	3,380	86.1	18.5	10.7	8.5	123.8	15,495
1958-59p												
July ..	108.8	41.6	71.8	7,934	2,223	3,672	87.4	21.3	12.7	8.6	130.0	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.6	11,409	3,244	5,304	75.5	19.8	11.5	8.3	115.1	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.5	17,529	4,474	7,692	75.6	21.4	13.6	8.9	119.5	18,992
Oct. ..	112.1	45.1	156.5	23,277	5,687	9,821	79.1	26.4	22.7	9.2	137.4	21,700
Nov. ..	116.9	47.3	154.4	22,846	5,520	9,979	73.4	25.5	25.3	9.3	133.5	22,187
Dec. ..	104.7	40.5	160.4	24,507	5,011	9,965	70.2	28.4	20.8	12.0	131.4	25,037
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.2	22,502	4,504	8,042	59.9	27.3	13.0	7.2	107.4	19,762
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	117.4	17,040	3,261	5,812	66.5	28.9	11.5	7.6	114.5	18,571
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,614	2,915	5,521	69.5	26.6	11.3	8.2	115.6	19,171
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,965	2,342	4,085	76.6	24.0	11.5	8.4	120.5	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,835	2,000	3,153	83.0	23.8	11.4	8.2	126.4	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,351	1,915	2,551	84.6	24.1	11.9	7.8	128.4	15,216
1959-60p												
July ..	132.4	42.0	73.8	8,281	2,320	3,432	93.9	25.9	13.9	7.9	141.6	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.2	97.6	12,508	3,372	5,684	73.0	22.8	12.8	7.5	116.1	17,187

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.					
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1952-53	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133	1,745	141		
1953-54	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514	2,088	241		
1954-55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002	2,245	293		
1955-56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912	2,030	303		
1956-57	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230	1,804	287		
1957-58	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129	2,370	317		
1958-59 p	(b)4,306	80.3	177.0	950	133	(c)9,839	2,344	326		
Monthly Total—										
1957-58 p—		(b)								
August	3,770	88.0	195.9	931	129	8,235	2,170	277		
September	4,039	72.7	155.0	1,059	133	8,010	2,371	330		
October	4,523	71.6	167.2	1,047	139	8,788	2,654	333		
November	4,472	81.5	172.4	1,093	140	8,727	2,583	293		
December	4,567	77.1	163.0	912	109	6,107	1,935	234		
January	4,283	78.5	182.7	783	114	6,344	1,891	232		
February	4,162	82.3	194.0	960	127	8,604	2,676	306		
March	4,248	87.3	195.3	953	148	8,809	2,632	330		
April	4,126	90.2	221.9	844	132	8,036	2,318	306		
May	4,328	96.5	201.6	933	154	8,973	2,759	358		
June	3,982	83.0	192.3	817	116	8,543	2,562	314		
1958-59 p—						(c)				
July	4,219	78.5	167.2	888	135	11,212	2,769	379		
August	4,175	94.0	197.9	942	137	9,951	2,371	342		
September	4,397	79.8	167.7	1,085	131	10,484	2,268	355		
October	4,441	73.8	171.6	1,119	152	10,719	2,413	367		
November	4,332	78.5	165.7	1,080	138	9,723	2,134	318		
December	5,039	65.2	136.5	1,023	122	8,613	1,856	294		
January	3,961	77.2	168.3	705	94	7,095	1,403	203		
February	4,212	76.4	164.4	979	138	10,231	2,165	322		
March	3,903	91.0	200.7	907	132	9,170	2,304	285		
April	4,632	87.8	221.5	954	148	10,682	2,930	361		
May	4,206	88.0	176.9	925	136	10,036	3,042	351		
June	4,151	73.2	185.5	795	134	10,148	2,467	339		
1959-60 p—										
July	4,478	r71.9	157.4	r1,008	156	r12,030	2,549	386		
August	4,296	81.5	175.3	947	144	11,597	2,414	352		

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid. (c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a) (c)
1952 ..	101	94	96	99	91	r91	82	91	94	99	94	93
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	107	93
1955 ..	116	110	111	120	129	r120	117	118	116	111	113	104
1956 ..	122	120	114	133	139	128	144	123	122	115	113	107
1957 ..	123	120	120	145	147	r136	167	126	128	118	115	107
1958 ..	115	118	120	153	152	r143	169	126	124	118	114	100
1957—						r						
March ..	129	120	129	145	140	138	177	127	135	123	120	110
April ..	131	121	127	146	149	137	169	125	118	126	111	108
May ..	132	122	127	151	152	141	176	136	127	126	120	107
June ..	121	126	125	150	148	134	172	125	132	125	117	108
July ..	91	120	83	134	140	145	174	128	89	63	107	101
August ..	117	121	123	100	138	114	165	122	126	116	99	108
September ..	126	123	127	148	151	141	166	124	137	125	119	109
October ..	126	121	124	150	154	144	165	133	135	125	120	109
November ..	125	121	123	158	162	138	164	128	136	125	123	106
December ..	121	111	116	162	151	137	167	116	121	125	113	100
1958—												
January ..	119	111	120	158	144	142	154	122	122	114	99	
February ..	121	116	124	162	145	131	167	113	136	124	119	98
March ..	119	116	125	160	146	143	179	124	135	125	122	96
April ..	117	115	123	164	153	138	163	124	115	127	111	95
May ..	115	120	121	166	151	146	163	128	117	125	114	95
June ..	113	123	124	161	153	141	162	130	135	125	115	99
July ..	r100	116	81	147	145	152	165	126	84	61	105	94
August ..	107	117	121	102	142	116	164	121	122	117	96	101
September ..	118	121	129	149	155	152	170	131	133	122	115	104
October ..	r119	121	130	155	161	157	176	142	135	125	118	107
November ..	116	124	130	161	168	r146	175	128	138	129	122	107
December ..	r116	116	121	157	155	r147	186	126	122	123	115	104
1959—												
January ..	114	118	123	154	143	146	174	125	123	121	115	106
February ..	113	124	128	159	149	145	191	121	138	123	118	110
March ..	r118	r124	126	156	r156	154	206	133	120	127	117	111
April ..	r120	125	129	163	r160	158	195	139	136	126	r122	113
May ..	119	128	131	169	163	154	201	r136	122	124	r119	114
June ..	121	132	135	167	162	154	208	145	141	127	122	116
July ..			90		152			139	91	66	109	107
August ..												110

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1949-50(b) ..	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b) ..	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) ..	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) ..	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 ..	1,200	607	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 ..	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 ..	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 ..	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58 ..	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958-59 ..	1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
				Monthly Totals.		
1957-58—				(d)	(d)	(d)
August ..	1,583	711	119	11,852	5,369	776
September ..	1,594	714	118	13,423	5,371	816
October ..	1,602	716	118	15,321	6,115	884
November ..	1,605	717	118	14,645	5,725	892
December ..	1,625	723	118	14,813	5,379	952
January ..	1,628	722	118	11,145	4,630	1,283
February ..	1,637	725	118	13,926	5,529	989
March ..	1,646	728	118	13,678	6,140	1,035
April ..	1,664	733	118	15,410	6,214	861
May ..	1,671	734	117	15,237	6,003	781
June ..	1,676	735	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July ..	1,688	736	116	13,906	6,106	652
August ..	1,694	738	115	13,561	5,505	770
September ..	1,703	740	115	14,741	5,929	911
October ..	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November ..	1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December ..	1,739	752	115	15,930	6,576	1,007
January ..	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February ..	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March ..	1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April ..	1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May ..	1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June ..	1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959-60—						
July ..	1,792	769	110	15,721	7,470	725
August p ..				15,642	6,815	713

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1948-49	7,690	3,428	517.7	42,225	7,165 85
1949-50	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683 -205
1950-51	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804 -594
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626 -721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903 -560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155 140
1954-55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498 124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765 -659
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737 -376
1957-58	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928 -493
Monthly Total—(c)						
1956-57—						
June	7,570	3,588	579.3	40,988	14,454 -2,027
1957-58—						
July	8,020	4,095	613.8	43,558	15,703 -134
August	7,996	4,091	600.6	39,681	15,763 -88
September	7,613	3,959	578.8	43,923	15,810 285
October	8,005	4,244	620.0	40,400	16,484 580
November	7,613	3,890	585.9	39,718	15,176 -1,007
December	7,285	3,231	498.8	40,081	13,887 -1,118
January	7,262	3,186	494.3	38,577	13,676 -808
February	6,852	3,456	525.9	40,325	13,364 -881
March	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026 113
April	7,292	3,541	543.4	39,705	14,163 -342
May	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227 -1,009
June	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856 1,505
1958-59—						
July	7,835	4,187	603.2	41,206	15,271 252
August	7,689	3,901	579.0	40,225	15,233 81
September	7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914 813
October	7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422 833
November	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087 -731
December	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436 81
January	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609 269
February	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699 494
March	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411 821
April	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354 1,426
May	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520 -900
June	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204 -1,689

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.

(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1948-49..	..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50..	..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51..	..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52..	..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53..	..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54..	..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55..	..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56..	..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57..	..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58..	..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59..	..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
July	665	1,256	317	135	61	347	96	41	997
August	732	1,126	337	75	78	355	117	35	997
September	732	1,029	348	116	79	356	115	41	1,055
October	711	1,020	385	137	85	376	148	40	1,171
November	657	985	327	124	59	376	112	37	1,035
December	613	1,008	329	88	52	364	185	49	1,067
January	606	1,247	309	109	42	358	186	49	1,053
February	488	1,139	280	111	48	334	139	34	946
March	515	1,280	285	134	51	380	189	43	1,082
April	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
1958-59—										
July	659	1,263	391	109	66	376	128	86	1,156
August	680	1,108	335	91	73	381	121	58	1,059
September	652	1,046	325	134	63	294	127	51	994
October	653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November	632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December	760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959-60 p—										
July	766	1,302	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)^(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. ^(b)	
Monthly Average—										
1948-49..	..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50..	..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51..	..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57..	..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58..	..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958-59..	..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
July	124	264	18	31	4	8	6	37	104
August	111	238	21	23	8	8	4	26	90
September	117	196	25	37	5	10	9	31	117
October	97	272	21	32	5	8	7	32	105
November	134	234	15	41	7	15	9	26	113
December	111	237	56	29	5	4	3	13	110
January	80	261	17	26	4	19	6	10	82
February	71	215	16	25	4	7	12	29	93
March	121	254	17	34	8	6	10	16	91
April	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59—										
July	140	196	22	30	5	5	3	15	80
August	102	282	19	29	4	8	4	18	82
September	123	221	17	18	5	5	9	23	77
October	111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November	111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December	103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959-60 p—										
July	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.	Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period.	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
				Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Average.					
1948-49 ..	2,776	(b) 1,763	..	734	1,028
1949-50 ..	3,196	(b) 1,841	..	793	1,110
1950-51 ..	3,732	(b) 1,885	..	864	1,209
1951-52 ..	4,948	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53 ..	5,367	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54 ..	5,650	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55 ..	6,069	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56 ..	6,612	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57 ..	7,519	2,107	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58 ..	8,065	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59 ..	8,622	2,264	578	1,443	2,056
Monthly Total.					
1957-58—					
August ..	7,532	2,117	106	1,290	1,833
September ..	7,503	2,123	120	1,296	1,843
October ..	8,563	2,112	133	1,303	1,853
November ..	7,510	2,140	151	1,311	1,863
December ..	8,623	2,142	167	1,319	1,874
January ..	8,469	2,141	178	1,325	1,883
February ..	7,565	2,145	200	1,331	1,892
March ..	8,154	2,135	220	1,337	1,901
April ..	7,906	2,135	239	1,343	1,910
May ..	8,482	2,138	262	1,351	1,922
June ..	9,046	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—					
July ..	8,449	2,147	328	1,369	1,948
August ..	7,661	2,146	358	1,376	1,958
September ..	8,512	2,172	390	1,383	1,968
October ..	9,299	2,201	415	1,391	1,979
November ..	7,784	2,195	433	1,398	1,989
December ..	9,714	2,210	455	1,404	1,999
January ..	7,872	2,210	468	1,410	2,006
February ..	7,823	2,211	484	1,416	2,017
March ..	8,450	2,235	506	1,422	2,026
April ..	9,700	2,266	530	1,428	2,036
May ..	8,432	2,257	555	1,436	2,047
June ..	9,771	2,264	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60—					
July ..	9,517	2,266	599	1,453	2,071
August ..	8,100	2,265	627	1,461	2,084

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956 but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING
BUSINESS.**

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1952-53..	..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54..	..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55..	..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56..	..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57..	..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1957-58..	..	45.6	343.9	389.5	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6
1958-59..	..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1
1957-58—									
August	43.0	342.4	385.4	340.3	30.4	209.4	473.1	468.5
September	42.9	343.8	386.7	340.3	29.4	206.8	472.5	480.9
October	44.0	343.7	387.7	340.3	32.8	211.4	471.1	496.0
November	44.7	345.2	389.9	340.3	23.6	216.4	466.4	499.7
December(b)	52.9	351.6	404.5	340.3	24.3	213.8	470.9	508.9
January	50.4	346.9	397.3	340.3	28.5	216.7	470.6	496.4
February	45.0	340.8	385.8	340.3	24.0	223.2	464.4	479.0
March	45.2	342.5	387.7	325.3	23.6	226.0	459.3	468.0
April	47.1	347.5	394.6	313.2	14.7	229.1	437.7	477.6
May	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8
June	45.3	342.6	387.9	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6
1958-59—									
July	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0
August	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3
September	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3
October	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	223.4	392.2	521.5
November	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3	229.5	396.6	516.9
December (b)	54.8	367.0	421.8	265.1	22.3	228.8	405.1	525.6
January	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5	225.5	407.3	497.6
February	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8
March	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7
April	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5
May	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6	438.8	404.9
June	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5	431.6	422.8
1959-60—									
July	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3	421.2	439.6
August	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8	417.2	461.9

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),

and

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)

(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)							Commonwealth Bank—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Ad- vances.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finan- ces Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Treasury Bills.	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1952-53	..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	b 17.2	c 25.8	21.7	c 59.5	44.9	4.3
1953-54	..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5
1954-55	..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8
1955-56	..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1
1956-57	..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1
1957-58	..	54.9	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	40.2	107.8	33.7	5.5
1958-59	..	67.7	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	36.5	122.5	46.7	6.0
1957-58—											
August	..	50.6	144.1	194.7	10.6	5.6	43.0	39.2	105.5	30.5	5.4
September	..	50.4	145.4	195.8	11.4	3.7	47.0	39.2	104.6	22.2	5.4
October	..	50.8	152.5	203.3	11.3	5.2	49.3	39.2	105.2	20.7	5.5
November	..	53.8	155.9	209.7	11.4	6.7	51.7	39.2	105.4	20.4	5.5
December(d)	..	55.2	159.8	215.0	9.9	3.5	54.0	43.6	104.6	18.3	5.5
January	..	55.1	148.8	203.9	11.0	2.5	46.4	43.6	107.1	29.9	5.5
February	..	55.6	148.6	204.2	10.9	2.8	44.8	43.6	107.5	45.5	5.6
March	..	57.6	151.3	208.9	11.8	8.2	45.3	40.5	108.1	48.0	5.6
April	..	58.6	152.4	211.0	10.4	6.8	46.8	39.7	110.6	46.3	5.6
May	..	59.1	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	38.4	113.4	38.2	5.7
June	..	63.3	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	37.9	113.9	37.9	5.7
1958-59—	..										
July	..	65.6	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	37.4	119.2	30.2	5.8
August	..	65.9	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	37.1	121.2	22.3	5.8
September	..	67.5	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	37.1	119.0	14.9	5.9
October	..	68.1	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6	37.1	121.2	12.6	5.9
November	..	67.9	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3	38.1	122.3	11.9	5.9
December(d)	..	66.4	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6	38.2	124.0	12.1	5.9
January	..	66.8	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2	38.4	125.6	29.1	6.0
February	..	67.5	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	36.3	123.9	72.9	6.0
March	..	68.1	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	34.1	121.3	98.3	6.0
April	..	67.9	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	34.3	112.9	96.7	6.1
May	..	67.9	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	34.7	125.3	85.2	6.1
June	..	73.2	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	35.2	125.1	74.6	5.9
1959-60—	..										
July	..	73.2	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	36.1	130.7	67.3	6.1
August	..	72.8	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	36.1	130.5	58.1	6.2

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	..	262.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	..	274.4
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	..	288.1
1952-53.. ..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7	638.1
1953-54.. ..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2	658.5
1954-55(c) ..	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1	776.8
1955-56.. ..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8	804.4
1956-57.. ..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1	762.6
1957-58.. ..	345.4	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	287.4	774.3
1958-59.. ..	368.4	1,007.4	1,375.8	58.2	37.9	193.3	222.8	807.2
1957-58—								
August ..	330.6	1,001.3	1,331.9	60.3	17.0	158.3	300.4	762.0
September ..	334.2	1,008.0	1,342.2	57.9	21.1	159.8	300.4	756.1
October ..	344.3	1,041.2	1,385.5	62.7	34.8	163.2	300.4	765.5
November ..	344.2	1,062.4	1,406.6	56.9	37.8	174.6	300.4	772.0
December(d) ..	346.0	1,085.7	1,431.7	66.4	46.2	180.5	296.0	766.3
January ..	352.4	1,093.3	1,445.7	69.2	69.5	196.1	296.0	753.4
February ..	352.4	1,091.2	1,443.6	58.9	77.1	201.9	296.0	749.6
March ..	356.4	1,093.2	1,449.6	56.9	86.1	204.4	284.0	754.6
April ..	353.3	1,061.1	1,414.4	53.2	33.5	196.3	272.9	792.2
May ..	350.2	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	254.9	819.5
June ..	352.8	990.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	244.2	831.7
1958-59—								
July ..	363.5	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	233.2	844.9
August ..	366.2	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	227.5	838.8
September ..	361.7	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	227.5	829.8
October ..	365.9	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2	227.5	830.9
November ..	367.3	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4	226.5	824.6
December (d) ..	367.9	1,025.5	1,393.4	64.8	40.9	191.3	226.3	808.2
January ..	372.0	1,030.0	1,402.0	66.3	57.9	212.9	226.2	794.8
February ..	371.7	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	217.0	775.3
March ..	371.6	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	215.5	764.3
April ..	374.6	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.0	46.6	239.0	215.3	782.2
May ..	369.5	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	214.9	790.1
June ..	370.7	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	214.4	791.1
1959-60—								
July ..	378.7	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	213.4	805.4
August ..	385.3	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	213.4	803.1

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1952-53	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9	81.2
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55(c)	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1958-59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1957-58—						
August	4.5	5.8	17.7	22.5	57.2	75.2
September	4.3	5.9	17.8	22.4	56.3	75.1
October	4.5	7.0	18.8	21.7	55.2	75.2
November	4.0	6.7	19.1	21.4	54.9	75.5
December(d)	4.6	7.9	20.5	20.7	53.5	75.8
January	4.8	9.6	23.2	20.5	52.1	75.6
February	4.1	9.4	23.4	20.5	51.9	75.6
March	3.9	9.8	24.0	19.6	52.1	75.4
April	3.7	6.1	20.0	19.3	56.0	75.0
May	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5	74.1
June	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9	73.7
1958-59—						
July	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5	72.7
August	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5	72.3
September	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7	72.7
October	4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4	73.0
November	4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1	73.2
December(d)	4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0	73.6
January	4.7	8.8	24.0	16.1	56.7	73.5
February	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6	73.8
March	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4	74.1
April	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6
May	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3	73.2
June	3.8	4.9	20.7	15.5	57.6	73.1
1959-60—						
July	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5	72.5
August	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4	72.0

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ..., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.			
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1952-53..	..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5	697.6
1953-54..	..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0	727.7
1954-55(c)	..	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2	865.9
1955-56..	..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0	908.3
1956-57..	..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7	869.1
1957-58..	..	400.3	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	327.6	882.1
1958-59..	..	436.2	1,166.4	1,602.6	69.5	42.1	250.0	259.3	929.7
1957-58—									
August	381.2	1,145.4	1,526.6	70.9	22.6	201.3	339.6	867.5
September	384.6	1,153.5	1,538.1	69.3	24.8	206.8	339.6	860.7
October	395.1	1,193.7	1,588.8	74.1	40.0	212.6	339.6	870.7
November	398.0	1,218.3	1,616.3	68.3	44.5	226.3	339.6	877.4
December(d)	401.2	1,245.5	1,646.7	76.2	49.7	234.5	339.6	870.9
January	407.5	1,242.1	1,649.6	80.2	72.0	242.5	339.6	860.5
February	408.0	1,239.8	1,647.8	69.8	79.9	246.7	339.6	857.1
March	413.9	1,244.6	1,658.5	68.7	94.4	249.7	324.6	862.7
April	411.9	1,213.5	1,625.4	63.6	40.3	243.1	312.6	902.8
May	409.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	293.3	932.9
June	416.1	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	282.1	945.6
1958-59—									
July	429.1	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	270.6	964.1
August	432.1	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	264.6	960.0
September	429.2	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	264.6	948.8
October	434.0	1,145.9	1,579.9	71.5	36.6	213.8	264.6	952.1
November	435.2	1,169.0	1,604.2	69.4	46.0	233.7	264.6	946.9
December(d)	434.2	1,191.8	1,626.0	76.6	44.7	251.9	264.6	932.2
January	438.8	1,184.4	1,623.2	78.6	60.4	263.1	264.6	920.4
February	439.2	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	253.3	899.2
March	439.7	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	249.6	885.6
April	442.5	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	249.6	905.1
May	437.4	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	249.6	915.4
June	443.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	249.5	916.3
1959-60—									
July	451.9	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	249.5	936.1
August	458.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	249.5	933.6

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
 (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)
(Major Trading Banks.)

**RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN
AUSTRALIA.**
(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1952-53	6.5	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4
1953-54	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8
1954-55(c)	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5
1957-58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3
1958-59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0
1957-58—						
August	4.6	6.1	19.3	22.2	56.8
September	4.5	6.1	19.6	22.1	56.0
October	4.7	7.2	20.6	21.4	54.8
November	4.2	7.0	21.0	21.0	54.3
December(d)	4.6	7.6	21.9	20.6	52.9
January	4.8	9.2	23.9	20.6	52.2
February	4.2	9.1	24.1	20.6	52.0
March	4.1	9.8	24.9	19.6	52.0
April	3.9	6.4	21.4	19.2	55.5
May..	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6
June..	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7
1958-59—						
July	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3
August	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4
September	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4
October	4.5	6.8	20.4	16.7	60.3
November	4.3	7.2	21.8	16.5	59.0
December(d)	4.7	7.5	23.0	16.3	57.3
January	4.9	8.5	24.8	16.3	56.7
February	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7
March	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3
April	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9
May..	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8
June..	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8
1959-60—						
July	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1
August	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	Funds with Authorized Dealers (Short-term Money Market.)
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.			
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1952-53 ..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3	..
1953-54 ..	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7	..
1954-55 ..	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1	..
1955-56 ..	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1	..
1956-57 ..	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8	..
1957-58 ..	420.6	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	328.3	963.3	..
1958-59 ..	460.9	1,206.6	1,667.5	73.1	42.9	264.4	259.9	1,015.5	..
1957-58—									
August ..	400.3	1,185.6	1,585.9	74.5	26.9	215.6	340.3	945.1	..
September ..	403.9	1,192.7	1,596.6	73.0	29.2	220.8	340.3	939.2	..
October ..	414.3	1,234.5	1,648.8	78.0	44.8	226.4	340.3	950.7	..
November ..	417.7	1,260.6	1,678.3	72.6	49.8	240.7	340.3	957.7	..
December(d) ..	421.1	1,288.5	1,709.6	80.6	55.3	249.0	340.3	952.0	..
January ..	427.9	1,287.7	1,715.6	84.5	77.3	257.3	340.3	941.9	..
February ..	428.4	1,284.9	1,713.3	73.7	86.0	261.7	340.3	939.0	..
March ..	433.9	1,289.3	1,723.2	72.3	99.1	264.7	325.3	945.4	..
April ..	432.9	1,256.4	1,689.3	67.1	43.0	258.1	313.3	986.0	..
May ..	431.8	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	294.0	1,017.1	..
June ..	439.1	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	282.7	1,030.1	..
1958-59—									
July ..	454.1	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	271.2	1,048.8	..
August ..	457.0	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	265.2	1,044.2	..
September ..	453.7	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	265.2	1,033.7	..
October ..	458.9	1,182.3	1,641.2	75.3	37.1	227.2	265.2	1,037.0	..
November ..	460.2	1,206.5	1,666.7	73.3	46.5	247.2	265.2	1,032.9	..
December(d) ..	458.9	1,229.8	1,688.7	81.1	45.2	265.2	265.2	1,018.8	..
January ..	463.1	1,224.5	1,687.6	82.9	61.2	277.2	265.2	1,007.0	..
February ..	463.4	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	253.9	984.9	..
March ..	464.0	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	250.2	971.6	21.0
April ..	467.3	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	250.2	991.5	28.1
May ..	462.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	250.2	1,002.3	33.2
June ..	469.0	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	250.2	1,003.5	28.3
1959-60—									
July ..	479.3	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	250.2	1,023.3	29.1
August ..	486.4	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	250.2	1,019.9	29.9

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1952-53..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b)	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1957-58..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	1.5	592.0
1958-59..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	2.0	636.6
1957-58—								
August ..	205.8	184.0	60.2	38.7	26.3	11.2	1.3	527.5
September ..	227.4	196.6	67.3	43.1	29.6	11.8	1.2	577.0
October ..	233.6	210.5	69.2	44.1	32.4	12.0	1.5	603.3
November ..	237.9	212.5	66.4	45.6	31.9	12.6	1.4	608.3
December ..	253.9	242.8	72.5	48.8	32.7	15.3	1.5	667.5
January ..	200.6	173.5	57.1	39.1	30.7	10.5	1.2	512.7
February ..	232.6	201.9	61.7	45.9	31.2	12.8	1.5	587.6
March ..	239.8	212.5	64.2	45.6	31.2	14.5	1.6	609.4
April ..	234.2	216.5	66.8	46.1	29.8	13.9	2.1	609.4
May ..	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	1.7	608.2
June ..	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	1.8	603.0
1958-59—								
July ..	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	2.3	622.7
August ..	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	1.6	558.2
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	1.9	597.7
October ..	252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	1.8	639.8
November ..	254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	1.8	644.4
December ..	274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	2.0	706.7
January ..	205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	1.7	524.4
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	2.0	672.2
March ..	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	1.8	663.7
April ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	2.2	639.0
May ..	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	1.9	678.3
June ..	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	2.7	676.8
1959-60—								
July ..	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	2.5	704.5
August ..	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	2.4	646.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday
 Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments
 of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co.
 Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58 ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1958-59 ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
1957-58—									
August ..	429.1	416.9	148.7	143.9	63.8	39.9	2.0	3.4	1,247.7
September ..	430.9	418.0	150.1	144.2	64.1	39.8	2.1	3.5	1,252.7
October ..	436.0	422.0	152.1	146.1	65.1	40.0	2.1	3.5	1,266.9
November ..	436.2	423.2	152.0	146.2	65.1	39.8	2.1	3.6	1,268.2
December ..	437.1	423.0	151.4	145.7	64.9	39.6	2.0	3.6	1,267.3
January ..	439.0	423.3	150.6	146.4	64.8	39.7	2.0	3.7	1,269.5
February ..	439.7	423.2	150.0	146.3	64.6	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.4
March ..	439.1	422.7	149.4	145.9	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.8	1,267.3
April ..	440.4	423.5	149.8	145.7	64.8	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.8
May ..	440.7	425.4	150.0	145.0	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.7	1,271.2
June ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	^a 1,296.8
1958-59—									
July ..	451.9	434.9	155.1	149.6	66.4	40.7	2.2	4.0	1,304.8
August ..	454.1	437.1	156.2	149.4	66.5	41.3	2.2	4.0	1,310.8
September ..	457.7	439.1	158.2	149.8	67.7	41.5	2.2	4.0	1,320.2
October ..	459.3	440.8	159.4	150.0	67.9	41.3	2.2	4.1	1,325.0
November ..	462.7	443.0	160.6	150.6	68.3	41.4	2.3	4.1	1,333.0
December ..	465.7	443.9	161.3	150.6	68.2	41.3	2.2	4.2	1,337.4
January ..	468.1	443.6	160.1	150.8	68.2	41.4	2.1	4.3	1,338.6
February ..	471.3	444.5	160.3	151.8	68.5	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,344.6
March ..	473.0	445.8	160.6	152.6	69.1	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,349.3
April ..	474.3	444.9	161.2	152.4	69.2	41.8	2.1	4.5	1,350.4
May ..	476.9	447.6	162.2	152.4	69.6	41.8	2.2	4.5	1,357.2
June ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	^a 1,391.3
1959-60—									
July ..	493.3	461.4	168.7	158.1	72.3	43.1	2.3	4.7	1,403.9
August ..	498.3	467.3	171.0	158.9	73.1	43.8	2.4	4.8	1,419.6

(a) Interest added 1957-58, £31.2m.; 1958-59, £35.4m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—					£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937 ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938 ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939 ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958-59..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,005	1,268	2,255	629	6,103
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
July ..	28,518	46,239	19,963	3,239	7,997	1,305	2,954	1,089	5,030
August ..	28,179	37,205	21,061	3,345	6,922	1,271	2,931	1,113	4,504
September ..	31,917	40,560	23,220	3,673	7,187	1,329	2,852	925	4,476
October ..	26,766	35,428	17,797	2,865	7,154	1,351	2,725	937	5,700
November ..	25,551	42,139	17,193	2,783	6,458	1,347	2,732	994	4,969
December ..	29,968	60,479	14,981	2,696	7,654	1,447	3,119	764	6,507
January ..	12,325	15,160	5,094	767	6,094	793	2,161	689	3,258
February ..	19,583	27,499	14,930	2,332	6,161	1,238	2,562	869	4,076
March ..	25,173	34,355	17,866	2,893	7,480	1,332	2,941	957	4,937
April ..	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,363	1,197	2,592	777	5,687
May ..	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379
June ..	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,170	1,363	3,036	869	4,862
1958-59—									
July ..	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,869	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777
August ..	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,201	1,209	3,001	959	5,107
September ..	33,878	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577
October ..	25,273	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,469	1,303	2,924	833	7,093
November ..	24,970	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,881	1,573	2,808	846	6,033
December ..	28,549	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,584	1,276	3,447	767	8,036
January ..	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,521	754	2,312	613	3,876
February ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495
March ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,956	1,321	2,928	911	6,389
April ..	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,747	8,610	1,287	3,062	861	6,680
May ..	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,483	1,177	3,129	928	7,304
June ..	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,459	1,363	3,549	939	5,875
1959-60—									
July ..	30,922	55,025	16,544	2,782	9,396	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a. —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
1936-37 ..	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 4.4 (j)
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59 ..	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1957-58—								(i) (j)
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.565	4.51	5.01	6.9
September ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.552	4.44	4.98	6.9
October ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.492	4.36	5.00	6.9
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.479	4.43	5.00	6.9
December ..	125.25	2.802	2.233	15.625	12.469	4.41	5.00	6.9
January ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.445	4.40	5.01	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.458	4.38	5.01	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.464	4.30	4.98	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.816	2.242	15.625	12.461	4.30	4.96	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	4.25	4.98	7.0
November ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.510	4.24	4.96	7.0
December ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.515	4.23	4.93	7.0
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.495	4.18	4.96	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—								
July ..	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.
(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—								Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).			
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).									
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.								
1940—28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	4.25	{(b)}	2.00	1.50	3.250	1.50	3.250			
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25									
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250	1.50	3.250			
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250	1.25	3.250			
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250	1.25	3.250			
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250	1.25	3.250			
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250	1.00	3.250			
1st December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250	1.00	3.250			
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125	1.00	3.125			
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125	1.00	3.125			
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125	0.75	3.125			
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750	0.75	3.750			
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750	1.00	3.750			
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500	1.00	4.500			
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500	1.00	4.500			
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500	1.00	4.500			
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500	1.00	4.500			
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000	1.00	5.000			
4th December ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000	1.00	5.000			
1958—1st November ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000	1.00	5.000			

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)
(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1957–58—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	30th April ..	168,000	6,000	174,000
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	31st May ..	134,000	5,000	139,000
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	30th June ..	140,000	..	140,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	1958–59—			
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	31st July ..	142,000	3,000	145,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	31st August ..	163,000	3,000	166,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	30th Sept. ..	195,000	3,000	198,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	31st Oct. ..	228,000	3,000	231,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	30th Nov. ..	254,000	3,000	257,000
1958 ..	140,000	..	140,000	31st Dec. ..	282,000	5,000	287,000
1959 ..	171,000	..	171,000	31st Jan. ..	268,000	5,000	273,000
1957–58—				28th Feb. ..	229,000	5,000	234,000
30th Sept. ..	185,000	3,000	188,000	31st Mar. ..	239,000	4,250	243,250
31st Oct. ..	216,000	3,000	219,000	30th April ..	163,000	4,250	167,250
30th Nov. ..	228,000	5,000	233,000	31st May ..	133,000	3,250	136,250
31st Dec. ..	251,000	8,500	259,500	30th June ..	171,000	..	171,000
31st Jan. ..	249,000	8,500	257,500	1959–60—			
28th Feb. ..	248,000	8,500	256,500	31st July ..	169,000	..	169,000
31st Mar. ..	241,000	6,000	247,000	31st Aug. ..	201,000	..	201,000

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
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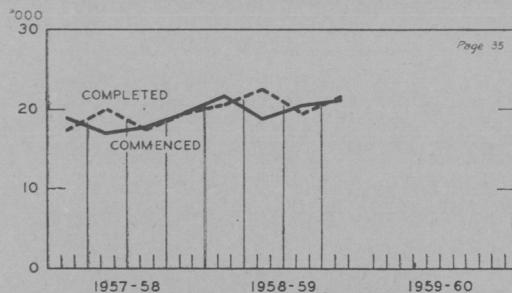
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1952-53	182.8	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	438.0	1,040.1	1,305.7
1953-54	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 (Estimate)	237.8	152.5	99.4	67.8	59.8	21.7	639.0	1,310.5	1,699.6
1957-58—									
July	17.2	9.6	6.4	5.3	4.0	1.1	43.6	80.7	108.1
July—August	33.7	18.8	12.9	9.8	8.2	2.2	85.6	150.8	204.0
June	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.3
1958-59—									
July	17.7	9.7	6.4	4.8	4.1	1.3	44.0	81.6	108.4
July—August	34.0	19.4	13.2	9.0	8.3	2.5	86.4	152.7	204.5
June	240.9	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	641.1	1,296.1	1,686.9
1959-60—									
July	19.1	10.6	6.6	5.4	4.2	1.1	47.0	80.9	
July—August	37.3	21.1	13.9	10.4	9.1	2.7	94.5	155.3	

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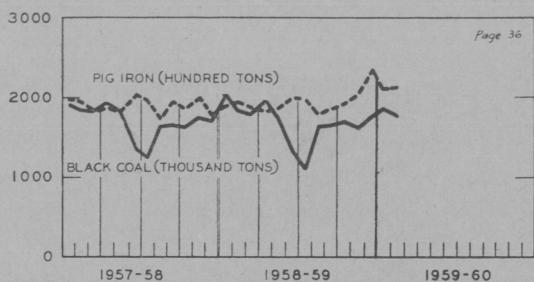
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1952-53	182.7	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	438.3	1,040.1	1,306.0
1953-54	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 (Estimate)	237.8	154.2	101.2	68.8	61.8	22.8	646.6	1,310.5	1,707.2
1957-58—									
July	13.4	9.8	7.0	4.8	4.6	1.1	40.7	87.3	111.8
July—August	33.5	21.5	14.2	9.9	9.6	2.7	91.4	181.6	240.6
June	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.3
1958-59—									
July	14.6	9.7	6.9	5.2	4.9	1.4	42.7	112.6	138.1
July—August	34.2	21.6	14.5	10.4	10.1	2.8	93.6	198.5	257.5
June	240.8	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	648.4	1,296.1	1,694.9
1959-60—									
July	17.4	10.7	7.6	5.7	5.5	1.5	48.4	114.7	
July—August	36.9	24.1	15.5	11.6	10.8	3.2	102.1	221.1	

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

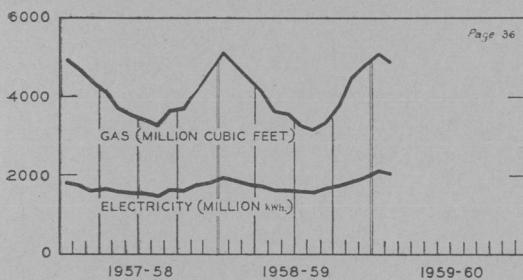
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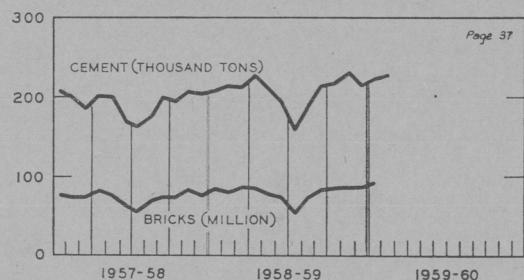
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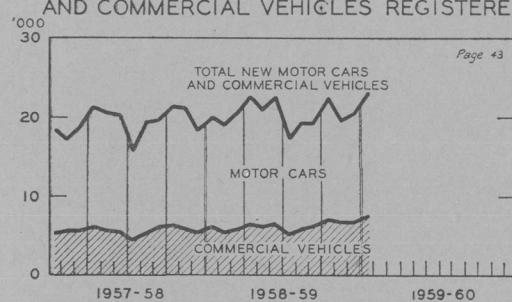
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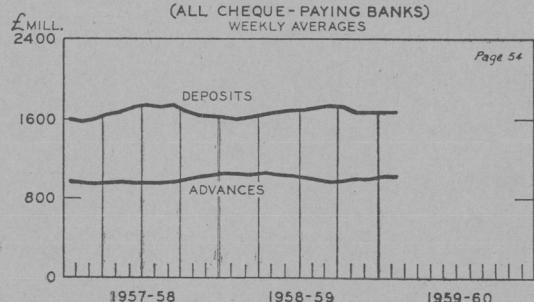
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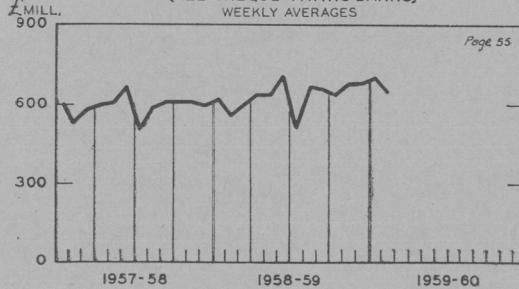
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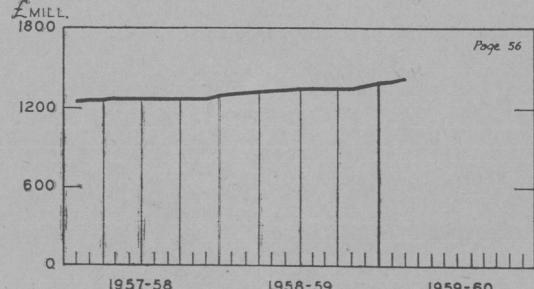
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